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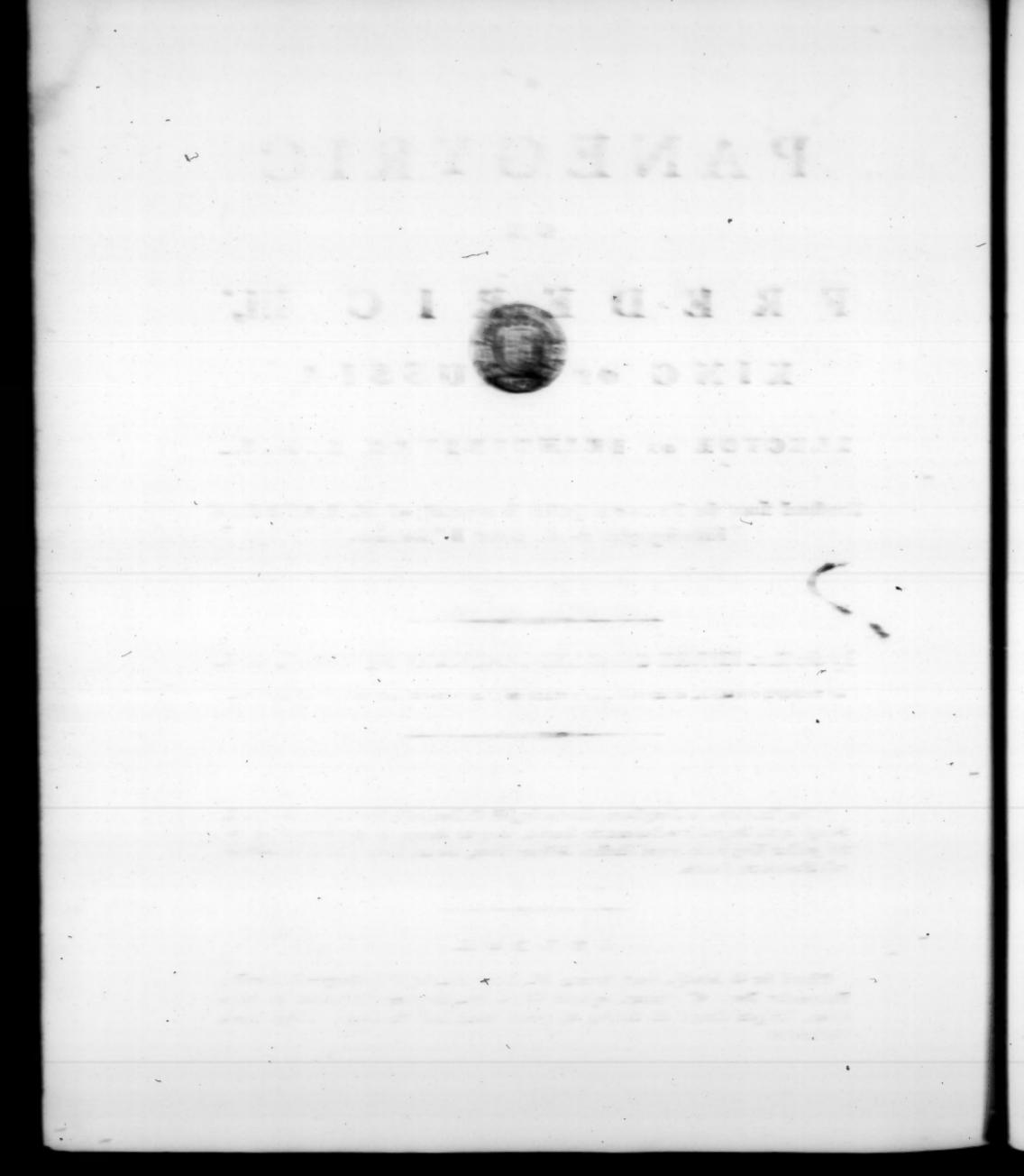
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TO THE

MARQUIS or CARMARTHEN, &c. &c. &c.

MY LORD,

YOUR Lordhip's diffinguished Taffe for the Belles Lettres, with that jult Senie of the true Intensits and
Glory of your King and Country, which has defentedly
miled your Lordhip to that important and elevated Sination, which you continue to fill, with fo much Blonur to
yourfelf, and so much Satisfaction both to the Prince and
People, in whose common Service your unweated Zeal and
conflant Attention are must successfully executed, has induced
me to entreat the Blonur of your Lordhip's Name and
Countenance to the following Tourslation of an excellent
Original where the real Province of a great Morarch and
true Statesmin is must elequently explained, as the Source
of all Greatness and Prosperity to the Kingdom they prefide

I have the Himor to be
with the greatest Respect,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's
Most obedient, and most devoted
Himble Servent.

Hony Charles Christian Newman.

EPITRE DEDICATOIRE AFREDERIC GUILLAUME IL

Successeur d'un Héris, daignez recessir inn Éloge; il est le vôtre, puilque ses qualités revivent en vous, & que l'immortel FREDÉRIC II est most, avec la consolation de laisser un Héritier que le reconnectere*.

ROI DE PRUSSE

[•] Espedias incepipe de l'etilise II, espetias de las inceder.

EPISTLE DEDICATORY,

TO

Forderic IVth, King of Pruffin, &c. &c. &c.

As the Sumoffer of a Hero deign to accept his Panegyric; It is your own, because his Qualities live again in you, and that the immortal Frederick III died with the Consolation of leaving an Heir who will recommence him.



APPROBATION.

J'Al la, par l'orde de Monseigneur le Garde les Scenux, l'Elige de FRÉDÉRIC II, Rei de Prafé, Electrur de Brandelourg; & je n'y ai observé rien qui m'aix para devoir en empêcher l'impression. Donné à Paris, le 14 de Décembre 1786.

PHILIPPE DE PRÉTOT,

APPROBATION.

HAVE read, by order of the Lord Keeper of the Seals, the Panegyric of FREDERIC II, King of Profite, Eletter of Brandenburg, and I have observed nothing in it, which should prevent the impression of it. Given at Paris, December 14, 1786.

PHILIP DE PRÉTOT,
of the Academics of Angers and of Rosen.



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FRÉDERIC II,

ROI DE PRUSSE,

ÉLECTEUR DE BRANDEBOURG.

A tête qui s'élevoit sur l'Europe, & qui avoit sixé son admiration vient d'étre abattue, mais la gloire qui l'entoura ést parvenue à tous les peuples de l'univers; la renommée a porté son nom aux extrémites du globe, & ses trompettes que ce Héros sit toutes sonner à la sois dans le cours de son règne, y ont répandu sa sagesse, ses victoires, & son génie; ce génie qui mit en mouvement toutes les sorces de la nature, qui dans son agitation ébranloit les trônes, répandoit l'effroi sur la tetre; & dans son calme embélissoit sa surface par la magie des arts, & la vivisioit par les prodiges de son gouvernement.

Ombre illustre, ombre du Roi dont la sagesse étonna l'univers, dont les victoires soumirent les nations, qui sut supérieur par le glaive, comme par le génie, dont la longue vie se soutint constamment dans la car-

rière



PANEGYRIC

ON

FREDERIC III,

KING OF PRUSSIA,

ELECTOR OF BRANDENBURG, &cc. &cc. &cc.

Low is laid the head which was exalted over Europe, and which had fixed its admiration, but the glory which encircled it, has reached all the nations of the world; fame has carried his name to the extremities of the globe, and her trumpets, which the founded all together in obedience to the Hero, throughout the course of his reign, have spread abroad his wildom, his victories, and his genius; that genius which put in motion all the powers of nature, which shook thrones in it's agitation, scattered terror over the earth; and, in it's calm, adorned the face of it by the magic of the arts, and gave it life, by the miraculous operations of his government,

Illustrious shade! shade of the King who astonished the universe with his wishom, and subjugated nations by his victories; who was as distinguished for the superiority of his sword, as of his genius, whose long life constantly sustained itself in the career of honour, whose reign was rière de l'honneur, dont le règne ne fut qu'un oche d'hémiline, fon pour un moment de la tombé où tout va s'aminutir fins enception, (our s'il pouvoit y en avoir, c'est été en ta favour.) Elève ton front wénérable, contragé de lauriere, pour recevoir un juste tribut d'étages; ta un pour y être infentible, le Héres le plus modelle duit tenir un prix de fistus-

Frédéric reçut de la nature un carps mbufie & une une de fieng fies commencement ne furent pas des podiules rians, ils fiurent ceux qui forment les grands hommes ; lain d'épouver les dissesses, & les effets de la condescendance paternelle, il ent à génir tisus un limptre de fir. que le Monarque dont il tennit le jour appélintiffait fur la famille. Les duretés, les contrariétés qu'il ettion, affirmient, & militient de bonne house ce génie naturellement ardent; fin ame, lain de l'abstrement, s'épuroit au creuset des malheurs, & acquéroit dans la follitude & l'aburdon, cette énegie qui lit l'étonnement du fiècle ; elle s'effiquit à trouver des reflources en elle feule, à prendre l'empire fur la fortune, de à avqueir cette Philosophie thrique firpérieure aux évinemens. Formé par les leçons de l'advertité, inffruit pur les profundes méditations, pur un génie qui lui révéluit les ficrers des ficiences & des hommes, fim effetit s'éleva du fond de la retraite; funteme des affes de ll'imagination, il franchit tous les oblincles, & parvint aux extrémités les plus ellignées, c'était Dédale infermé dans le labyrinte, frémillant à la vue de fin chaînes, les britine à farce de génie, bravant les définites, & échappart aux fers de la recamie. S'il n'eft été qui Prince, s'illn'eft en que de la naiffance & des richeffes, il était perdit, il filt tumbé à l'entrée de la connière, il est végété dans l'obsenité, & est diffrant dans la profière des fècles. Mais Frédéric étuit doué d'un courage invincible, d'une conftance à l'époeuse de tras les nevers ; de lurique la fortune, par un rettour fahit, vinclui offiir un dialtime, il s'en montra digne aufii-tôt, il amonça ce qu'il était, en faifant voir que ce qui elleufattu vour aure, l'avoir élesé; que son ame s'étuit redressée sous les stepare qui avoit voule l'abailler; qu'il avoit fait de les malheurs des legons infractives, de la solitude un lycie, de su jeunesse un age mir, & de son inteilligence un ciprit jufie, élesé & philotophique.

Tel fue ce Roi, qui caignit le diadline au fortir de la folimile de delle difgrace, en 1740. Epoque du règne le plus mémorable qui air jumis

Bonne

where all things (ink to making without exception (for, if any could with, it would be in thy firm) mile thy wesculft from overhalowed with hereby, to could the just tribute of thy posities, then could not be initially be then, the male make like will define the value of his artists.

Fredrick maired from nature arribult body, und a find of fire. The commencements of his early dress did not collide any failure-ing publish, they were their by which greatmen are formed. For from experiencing the list: endormous, and partialities of paternal inindepends, he had to grow under a topics of iron, which the Minusch. who gave him bieth, widdled with all it's weight, over his family. course to burillips and appolition, they ferred subject confirm and tietily, by times, the viguer of a genius, namedly unless; his find, fir from finking under the prefixer, become refined and purified under the frem archael of misformer, and required, in its fillingle, and about ment, that though and energy, which has excited the alterillment of the age. Thus eisenmilianced, he was extend in finding our refusees within himitif, to gain the dominion over former, and to acquire that this philosophy, which is disprise to all contingences. Formal by the before of albertity, deriving his influctions and information from the and profound refereites and meditation, and elither by a postunion, which pierced, at once, into the ferrets of the friences, and of marking. his mind milid itelf from the digits of the extinuous, where it had beried boried borne on the wings of implication, he desert all difficults. and arrived at the most remote extremities. It was Desiries confined in the hilly in the freezing with honor at the figure of his chains, beating them with the force of grains, having the deligner, and elegang from the fetters of typing. Hist be only been a Prince, had be published only birth and wealth, he must have been unitner, he must have fallen in the beginning of his country, he must have regented in chicarity, and have finit, foreser, into collision: that Feeleic was enfound with a compe the was invincible, with a former's the was prof to all a refer and ricillimites; and, when former, with a return als den, advanced to prefine line with a fluiden, he formed himself wards of it, at the moment; heat once different whether was, demohomerike witne. Le mouveur Monarque a y fat par plante moute, que fancy arrêter des regards, il enveliges d'un valte compelleul les férences immenies de geovernement, de la guerre & de la légilation, tous les moyens qui préparent la grandeur, toutes les noutes qui combailleur à la gloire, il écome par la magnificence des plans qu'il deploys, la hardiefic des projets qu'il traps. Il parse l'hilotophe, gand l'trince, houseux guerrier des lecunoment où il étiens de l'être. Le l'endie, qui judqu'ilor-tresifent agitée que dans il oblemes, aous expendant un reffert interne-qu'ellevernet de for climar & du caractère de les habitans. Mais il filleir pour qu'il pir déployer le force qu'il file tende par un interne de génie : ce force for course de Froilèrie, & la main donne auffith le jenie er grant reffers. Ce for au factorie d'un début aufi for, qu'en gie prétire qui ju Généraux su forme que far délite de carage, far Minifere fie Servicieres; des invendémes laurentes le misent à partie.

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Lerignettes Offers Autrichiers, que le glaire du Prince Englise avoir reside & formitable so commencement du fairle, était écule; le mot avoit tranché les jours du dernier, & une nouvelle Dynaffie limpériale sidevoit en Allengre: das ce chagement de Princes, chape Pullime fir vibir les perenties ; charace cent le confusion qui nigmit, favorible à l'exécution de les défins. Des lignes, des projets, destrités de confédération, des préparatifs de grane compant toute Minespe. Peniant gelen delben Freifeit plus prompt qu'uneur, toulle far le province prétender de tout temps par le maillen ; il regarde le renomiations de les Aieux comme des alles honneux, dittés par le publime le grachés à le fuithéle, il fair server des doits avec des faldats & the courage. Les waltes Etans publicles pur l'héritière d'Auttielle, l'appareil de les forces, la garante d'annes Monarques, lui pannent un spettelle plus gigundige que familiale, il cur qu'il était publik débuile cett puillant avec des troups per sonibertes, mis agrenie, hier commandée, & il n'addie nies par prépare à la villoire les troupes des recommunicibles par leur décipline; il prend l'effor du côté de la Siléire, au milieu des glaces & de la rigneur de l'hiver; l'Aigle publieu, déployé devant les légions, femille précide une améronnaire; elle l'était en effet par l'orde & le courage. A cotte nouvelle, l'Aumiche frimit d'inlignation, de cerbone à fes généraux d'aller le vengeting that their occurrences, which would have dejected and mainother perior, but aggressional anti-devated him; that his deal maintained drief erect and unimpained under the despute which would him have hambled and debated it, that he had converted his minimums into believe of instruction, his tiditude into a Lyanum *, the condense of youth into the maturity of age, and his knowledge and information

into an underfunding correct, tiddine, und philosophic.

Such was this Minusch, who was invested with the dialien, on his emerging from followis and different in 1740s, an equals of the most memorable seign that ever did honour to a throne. No former had be afdef it, then, without having his illus confined or convent there, he embraced, with one comprehensive view, the immunications of gowerment, of war, and of ligitlation, all the meatings, and expedients preparatory to greatness, all the paths that had to glory, he aftenished, by the magnificence of the plans he displayed, by the belibers of the projets he deligned. His appeared equally great and facediful, the moment it was his delive, as a Phillologiler, a Prince, a Warrier. Proffor, which 'till then had fuffered no agintisms, but in the dark, contriped, however, on internal fpring, which the belil from her climate, and from the character of her inhabitants; but, in order to give it force and operation, it was necessary, that it should be fit in notion by a man of ins. Frederic was acquainted with this fector, and his hand, in an infant, put this great firing in play. From a facilitie opining with fach a fageth difplay of enterprise and grandlear, men ventured to facetell, that his Generals would be no more than his Aids do-camp, his Minifters no more than his Secretaries .- Some fortunate circumstances enstiled him to justify, on the foot, the buildness of the prediction.

The seign of the Audition Cation, which had been remitted to formitable by the found of Prince Engene, at the beginning of the century, was chapted. Death had out off the latter, and a new languard Dynafty had arisen in Germany. In this charge of Princes, every power controlled for the equity of their potentions; every one contidered the confident which provided favourable to the execution of his delign. Leagues, possels, treaties of confederation, preparations for war expected the attention of all Europe. While others are deliberating, Frederic,

[·] Lycon, for Stand where Artifictler rapple Philosophy, were Athens.

L'Autricle humilie, court à la vergenne, une amé plus formitdit sieune contre le vainquer, alors il compenie de plure, il marie sufficit à ces nureurs commis. Le moibre lor far insult, à se fit qu'acroître la finiler de lor détaire. Le découle, de la disposition de l'armée profésent, la figuriseité de fau le des augustes ser fermit fais, de soulément une lumiers de far Roi. Le découngment alors simpare de fas commis, de la rédérant ce qu'il rédomnit, ce que for que lui avoir départant. Tiel fai le faces de la glaire de faprendres armes, il affoit de langue main prépare se mongile dons le

Le camen de le pair et hantelenie, de le familier de le garre de collège de collè maigre le faperation de les intes, de l'installe de le camen de collège de collège de faperation de les intes, de l'installe de les intes, de l'installe de les intes avec des fitants, de collègique militaire avait de profise à un source point de prefection. Dits à fapere de le thière de le garre ser l'appareil des grandes publiques, de Brother mendiante le voir serve, une comme le première fais, finis de dis luit mille hommes maistre des de quates singe mille. Les victoire precede de demine, mai de de de complement, dies des aux portes de le capitale, me armé entire enformé dans farament de conquient, de partie de la capitale, de piè avec les complemes dies farament de complement, le partie de complement de la capitale, de piè avec les complement de farament de complement de la capitale, de piè avec fer complement de la capitale, de la capitale de la capitale de capitale

L'Angleune, in Hillande, in Sane, font unio à l'Annière, less genies confessor pur le queelle, le ché de le morelle Dynafie fontaire

with a quickents and address, peculiar to himsels, fell upon the province. withich finitialways been claimed by his family. He reparts the renun-ciations made by his ancellors, as differential acts, dichard by power, unit external from weakness; he revives his rights with his foldiers, and his courage. The valt ediates policifed by the beiness of the boule of Authis, the profine pump und purale of her forces, the guaranties of other Monarchs appeared to him a feeback more gigantic than formilitie; le thought it politie to finke their power with troops, not very municion, but experienced, well communited; und be neglected authing that could prepare their troops for withou, who were already explays for their discipline. He work a flight by way of Silefa in the effective, and in the inclement leverity of winter; the Profitor eagle diplayed before his legions, formed to precede a Roman army; and fuch, in fall, it was in order and in courage. Auftria received the news, trending with intigration, and ordered her Generals to accomp the intill, given to be come by an army which could hardly make eighteen thorizoil effectives. The faccels corresponded, meither with her orders, me with the expectations; the Profiles inflaton, already infpired by the military genins, and council to that discipline, which has finer ondenditribe model for those of Europe, monei the Austrian battalions, and has made the battle of Molwin existrated for ever. Gennary, on this event, conceived the highest also of the Primer who had thus commened; the feeding, from this momen, that Finderic was going to renew, in her were/heart, their bloody forms, which Gullavus had afted on the fame theater the century before, and Europe felt one weight more fall into her feile.

Authin humbled, has recourse to vergeance, a more formitable army advances against the Comparior. It was then he tack his nown; he marches immediately towards his new enemies, their number was ineliferately, and derved only to encerale the deltack of their deleat. The distribute and disposition of the Profiles army, the superiority of their five gained a second triumph, and added fresh laurely to their king. The memy, secred with despondency, yielded to his requisitions that positions which his found had already given him. Such were the furness and gibory, which economic the insteady given him. Such were the furness and gibory, which economic the insteady given him. Such were the furness and gibory, which economic the insteady given him. Such were the furness and gibory, which economic the insteady given him. Such was the triumph which he had long ago prepared in his following.

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Impériule le devient de cette lique puillinte; mais au moment où fon inauguration dans Francfort famble devoir inspirer la crainte, dans cet inflant où il promet du haut de fon trône, de réprimer les ennemis de l'Empire, le Peuffien met en faite son armée, ensanglante les sources de l'Eilbe, & couvre les rives du fleuve des bataillons Autrichiens, moif-

sonnes par le gluive du vainqueur.

Cette époque funglante, nous rappelle ce temps où la France, affociéc à ses périls, le fist à ses triomphes; où notre Monarque, vainqueur de la ligue à Fontency, lui envoyant faire part de ses faccès, Frédéric voulet que l'Ambuffadeur portit en retour une nouvelle aussi glorieuse. Cet envoyé de la victuire fut témoin de celle du Roi, & chargé de l'annoncer à sin maître : mais Frédéric s'y regarda tellement obligé, qu'il envisagen la définite de l'armée qui lui étnit opposée, comme le payement d'une dette d'honneur envers son allié, aussi la lai annonça-t-il comme l'acquit de la lettre-de-change qu'il avoit tirée sur lui à Fontenoy: il est regardé comme un tache à sa gloire, d'avoir moins fait pour la cause commune que sin confédéré.

Les nevers de l'Autriche s'accumulaient, sa résistance multipliait ses défaites; les armes du Roi émient vicherieuses dans toutes les mains. Dresse sur témain du carrage que ses Généraux sirent à ses portes, des Sauns & des Impériaux. La vichoire constante se déclarait par-tout en sa faveur. L'Empire sentit cet ascendant, démontré par tant de su-nesse épreuves, il se la pair, & son ennemi conserva, pour fruit de ses

victoires, ses lauriers & la Silétie.

Redouté de ses voitins, admiré de l'Europe, chéri de ses sujets, il commence sa carrière pacifique, & prend les sciences pour guides, il les appelle de toutes les parties du monde; semblables à des ministres éclairés, chacune prend son département. L'advoncmie, affisé sur les tours des Vandales, s'empaire de ce ciel nouveau; une jurisprudence lumineuse & concile, affortie à l'esprit de la nation, chasse la barbarie des tribunaux guthiques. L'agriculture vivisée ce sol, jusqu'alors inculte & savage; des moissons dorées out remplacé les bruyères, & les bussis de la charme out succèsé aux bêtes sauves qui envoient dans ces déserts. L'architecture élère sur les côteaux des villages & des bourgs (*) nouveaux; ici elle charge les villages en villes, là elle métamorphose les maisons en palais.

^(*) On compte environ fest, nant Villages que Bourge, bûts fous le sègne de Fridérie.

The olive branch of peace is from broken, and the flame of war is rekindled between two powers, one of which has felt his force, and the other has been obliged to fishmit, in spite of the superiority of her titles, and the extent of her dominions; but Froderic had turned every minute to advantage; his mensures increased with his acquisitions, his military discipline had been pushed to a new point of perfection. He already figures, on the theatre of war, with the grandeur and apparatus of the greatest potentates. Bohemia trembles at his approach, not, as at the fielt, when he was followed by eightness thousand men, but, at the head of eighty thousand. Victory precedes his standard, all is submission before the conqueror; already he is at the gates of the capital; a whole army, that up within it's walls, thought themselves secure in this situation; the place is taken, together with it's numerous desenders, and the reinforcement of an Austrian army serves only to augment, by her deseat, the triumph of the victor.

England, Holland, Saxony unite with Audria, their warriors especial her quartel; the chief of the new Imperial Dynafty becomes likewide the chief of this powerful confederacy; but, the moment that his insuguration at Franciure should from to inspire fear, the very instant that he pramises, enalted on his throne, to repost the enemies of the Empire, the Profilan puts to flight the confederated army, swelling with blood the discoloured sources of the Elbe, and covers the banks of the river with the Austrian battalions, moved down by his with rious sweed.

This bloody epoch recalls to our recollection the time when France, as the had been the affociate of his penils, became, likewife, the affociate of his triumphs; when our Monarch having defeated the league of Fontenoy, and diffraching to him an experis, that he might partake of the forcetis, Frederic was defines that the embaliator flould carry back, in return, news equally glorious. This envey, who reported the victory, was witness to that of the King, and was charged to amounce it to his matter: but, Frederic thought himself to highly obliged in this matter, that he confidence the defeat of the army which had opposed him, as the payment of a delet of honour towards his ally; accordingly, he anasomoul it as the acquittance of a bill of exchange, which he had drawn upon him at Fontency. He would have regarded it as a frain on his reputation to have done less for the common cause than his confederate.

Le commerce, appellé du hant de cos remputes millions, accourt dans un Erat où l'indufrire alt en action. L'âtite donnée, woit urriver les vaille-aux d'Ernden, & append que le Branteisourg alt devenu un poys de novigateurs. L'acudemie de Berlin, animée par l'égoit du Monarque, le diépare aux plus célèbres de l'Europe. Le Proffien abient, ne de reconneît plus à tien arrivée, il s'imagine être en Ballie, en France, ou dans les plus belles contriées de l'Allemagne, il cherche de triète patrie & ne la trouve pas ; il de croit transporté à cos temps de tétrie où les changemens de décorration étaine de prompts ; il ne woit dans ces prodiges que le génie de fine Rai qui a changé fon repaume comme un autrefiait fon palais, L'étranger némain d'une de ces grandes ficiens, que la nature amère encorrect fur la terre, observe dans le filtense de l'admination cette rapide & brillante métamorphosé l' de l'univers apprend, que les arts viennent d'être transportés du midi au nord, de qu'ils y fieurifient tous le fiespire paternel du Prince, dans l'épse étoit augunovant à retionnible.

Dans cet efter des arts, an milien du bouleur des peuples, au moment que la renommée annonce à tout l'univers la tigelle de l'oridérie, fes glorientes occupations. l'heureux changement de ties l'auts; tantisque le génie de la creation agire des alles brillantes for les bouls de la Spoie, un arage politique grande foundement dans l'hourge, de allume un des plus terribles inceralies qui ait mougé la terre. Cet orage, né de la rémion de grandes polifiques, desoit foulte for lattre de l'oridérie; la gloire de fou Erat moffant, le mef de la conditation, le vol qu'il prenoit, avoient foit ombrage à d'autres Monarques. Lour défance avoir enfanté la ligne la plus polifique qui sir cuillé dans cette partie du monde.

Les Monarques qui compositent cette siomissible considération, qui consevelle dans l'Allemagne, les siènes singiantes il actte afficule guerre de trente aus qui le dévuste, dans le siècle denier, furent les plus puilfans de l'Europe. Le mared Empereur de la Dynastie de Lornine,
dont le supre uni à celui de l'héritière d'Autricle, sétendier fur les
myaumes de Bobine & de Hongrie, & sir une partie de l'Allemagne
& de l'Italie; l'Impératrice des Russes, dant le domination en Europe
comme en Asie était plus étendre que celle d'auteun autre limpire. Le
Roi de France, dont les armes aroient triomplié dans le guerre présédente, de tous les Patennes qui l'environnent. Les Gerèles de l'Em-

The differs of Aultria were accumulating; her relitance multiplied her defeats; this arms of the King were every way withmines. Dreiden withefiel the camage his Generals made at her gates, both of Samus and Imperialitis. Withou over confluent declared in his favor, in every quarter. The limpine till this aftendant demonstrated by inmany final proofs, the obtained a peace, and her every facured his Laurels and Sileite, as the fruit of his witheries.

The terror of his neighbours, the alimination of all Europe, the ideal of his fulfielts, he begins his pucific currer, and takes the ficiences for his guides; he calls then from every quarter of the World: like enlightened Ministers such occupies her department. Aftronomy facted on Vandalian towers explores the new region of the Blowers; a concile and luminous jurifyrulence, adapted to the mind and character of the nation, diffiels the bullurilin of gothic tribunds. Agriculture pers life into that fail which, till then, was uncultivated and wild; gol havels have been fabilitated for burne heaths, and the own of the plow have focuseded to the fallow deer that fluyed along the delens; architecture miles on each eminence new villages and noves," here the changes villages into cities, there the meanuraphole houle into palaces, commerce invited from the height of thole ning rangers, haften to a fore where indultry is in aftim; this beholds with aftenilment, the wifels of Einden approach, and learns that Bundenburg is become a country of navigators. The academy at Beilin, animated by the Momodifs talents, vies with the most ediffrantel in Europe. The abient Profine is left in announces on his ceture; he funcies himself in Italy, in France, or in the most polithed provinces of Germany, he holes for his decay country, and commer find it; he imagines himself transported to diale times of exchantment where the transitions and changes from one decoration to another were to inflantaneous; he differens nothing in these produces but the grains of his King who has made the same altention in his kingdom that any other would make in his palace. The foreigner witnesling one of these forganitous forms which nature Hillon sees into the World Surveys, in filent admiration, this rapid and brilliant transmutation, and the whole universe is informed that the ana

[·] The number of villages and stress their traffer suggest the stress to be the

paifinces ne repréfereient plus a cette époque, que par leurs trophées puilles. La dégralation de ces Etats arrivée faccoffirement, est même purvenue depuis à son comble pour l'une de ces puissances, tandis que l'autre alies heureuse pour rencontrer un Roi, dont la main a remonté le reffect quil fuit murcher la machine politique, est sortie de son état de

dugmetion.

Terrible (pectucle dont le fouvenir fuit encore frémir ! l'Europe foulevée fond à la fois fur ce Monarque; le nord & le midi vomifient des armées ; les Princes de la terre, lignés contre un d'entre-eux, déploient toutes leurs fiorces, ils indiquent de leurs forptres le lieu où doivent fe oundre ces immombrables combattans; les provinces qu'ils vont ravager, le tefine qu'ils disivent reuverier. Le citayen de tous les états, qui s'étoit estudié d'adminution au récit des emploits & des vertus de ce Prince. Le philistiphe qui avoit fouri en le voyant mouter for le trône, & avoit fandé for lui les plus belles espérances; tous les ceues génereux, qu'un mouvement de reconntillance intéreficit en faveur d'un Rei qui confidérait les hommes, généficit for fon fort & déplorent d'avance fa mine, qu'ils regaritent comme inévitable. Muis quel retour incoiné furprend auffi-tit! Frétéric, femblable au lion que des chaffeurs veulent entoures, n'actend pas qu'on l'attaque ; quelques nombreux que foient fes ennemis, quelques grandes que foient leurs refinuces, il fond fur eux, & déconcerte leurs meliures par les coups les plus hardis & les plus ingrévus, il vale à la place où étoit enfermé le traité dans lequel tant de Princes avaient juré fa pente. Les portes de fer, la fermeté plus forte encure d'une grande Princelle, qui oppulait la performe comme un rempart au formet de ces Rois, ne peuvent empêcher qu'il ne foit exposé au jour : le fer est brilé par order du Monarque, son beus dérobe au danger, l'hièmine qui s'y oppositit en l'éloignant du passage des armes, & en joigmant les égants à la fermeté. Le fatal traité est dans ses mains, il connoît les ennemis, il est dans leurs provinces, il emporte leurs places ; une de Jeurs armérs a déja pellé sous le joug ; l'Europe apprend avec surprise que c'est chez les Rois confidérés, que se fait la guerre, & que leurs immentes préparatifs n'aboutifient qu'à défendre leurs Etats. Dés-lors le lune des Cours est hanni de la tente du Monarque ; bravant les injures de l'air & l'imempérie des failons, partageant avec ses soldats, leurs **Bravaux**

have been transported from the south to the north, and that they flourish there under the paternal sceptre of the King, whose sword was but

lately fo tremendous.

During this flight of the arts, in the midst of the peoples happiness, at the moment that same announces to mankind the wisdom of Frederic, his glorious occupations, and the happy change in his dominions, while the genius of creation flutters her variegated wings over the borders of the Spree, a political storm rumbles hollow throughout Europe, and kindles one of the most dreadful conflagrations that ever desolated the Earth. This storm springing from the reunion of great powers was to burst over the head of Frederic. The glory of his rising state, the strong sinew of his constitution, the slight he was taking had given umbrage to the other monarchs. Their jealousy had brought forth the most powerful conse-

deracy that ever existed in this quarter of the world.

The Monarchs who composed this formidable junction which renewed in Germany the bloody scenes of that shocking war, which laid it waste, in the last century, were the most powerful in all Europe. The new Emperor of the Dynasty of Lorrain, whose sceptre, united with that of the heiress of Austria, extended over the kingdoms of Bohemia and Hungary, and over part of Germany and Italy; the Empress of the Russias whose sovereignty, no less in Europe, than in Asia, is more exsensive than that of any other empire. The King of France, whose arms had triumphed the preceding war over all the potentates that furrounded him, the circles of the empire. Lastly, the Kings of Poland and of Sweden. But these last powers made no figure in this ara, except by their past trophies. The degradation of these states happening succesfively has even fince been carried to its utmost pitch by one of those powers, while the other fortunate enough to meet with a King whose hand retouched the spring which gives play to the political machine, has emerged from her stagnant state.

Terrific spectacle! which it is impossible to recollect without shuddering even now. Europe roused, falls at once upon this Monarch; the North and South disgorge their armies; the Princes of the Earth leagued against one of them exhibit all there forces; they point with their sceptures towards the place where these multitudinous armaments are destined; the provinces they are to desolate, the throne they are to over-

throw.

travaux, leurs dangers, & leur frugalité; veillant sur son camp pendant leur sommeil; dévoué sans réserve au rôle de guerrier, il le remplit pendant sept ans, & étonna ses ennemis par son courage, en même-

temps qu'il servit de modéle aux siens. .

Au milieu de ces scènes d'agitation & d'horreur, la marche de l'administration ne souffrit pas de celle des armées, l'une ne sit rien perdre à l'autre; on vit tout-à-la-sois rensermé dans le camp de Frédéric le tribunal de la justice, le cabinet du ministère, le soyer de la guerre, & le destin de la Prusse; les conseils succédoient aux batailles, les plans d'utilité publique à ceux des campagnes; les audiences aux exercices, les oracles de Thémis au tumulte des armes. La roue du gouvernement roulant sans interruption, les yeux du Roi, également sixés sur la guerre & sur les affaires, excitèrent l'admiration de ses sujets, & des étrangers.

Mais l'orage ne fait qu'accroître; les armées des alliés se succèdent, un corps battu 'est remplacé par d'autres plus nombreux, c'est l'hydre dont les têtes renaissent, & se multiplient sous le ser qui les moissonne. Les revers viennent se mêler à travers les victoires du Roi. C'est dans ces momens de l'abandon de la fortune qu'il paroît vraiment grand; c'est alors qu'il fait voir combien il lui est supérieur, & qu'il prouve que

sa force est en lui-même.

Vainqueur jusqu'alors, il avoit vu la fortune par un retour inoui, lui faire perdre en un seul jour le champ-de-bataille de Kollin, & la capitale de la Bohême, prête à tomber sous ses armes. Il suyoit, & la Silésie abandonnée étoit la proie de l'Autrichien victorieux. Dans cette crise terrible, un nouvel orage vient fondre d'un autre côté sur ses Etats, déja assaillis au nord par la Russie & la Suède. Cet orage étoit l'armée des Cercles, formidable par sa réunion à celle de France. Ces troupes consédérées sembolient devoir porter le dernier coup à Frédéric, & consommer sa ruine.

Au spectacle d'un Roi magnanime, entouré par de nombreux ennemis, que la mort & la victoire poursuivent, auquel elles ont assigné un champ-de-bataille pour tombeau, l'Europe jette un coup-d'œil avide sur la scène. Le héros ne s'oublia pas ; arrivé à ce dégré extrême de sa mauvaise fortune, les talens qu'il déploya surent supérieurs à son acharnement. Tout ce que peuvent le courage & le génie réunis, sut employé

throw. The citizen throughout his various territories who had been enraptured with admiration at the rehearfal of the atchievements and virtues of this Prince; the philosopher who had fondly smiled when he beheld him afcend the throne, and had made him the foundation of his most flattering hopes; every heart which the emotions of generofity or of gratitude interested in favor of a King who held every man in confideration, feel with forrow his fate, and in anguish anticipate his fall, which they regard as inevitable. But how fudden and unexpected a return furprizes all at once! Frederic, like a lion attempted to be furrounded by his purfuers, does not wait to be attacked; he falls upon them, and disconcerts their measures by an action the most bold and unforeseen: he flies to the place where the treaty was confined, in which fo many Princes had sworn his destruction. Neither the gates of iron, nor the firmness which was still stronger, of a mighty Princess who opposed her person as a bulwark to the secret of these Kings, could prevent him from exposing his life. Down fall the gates at the Monarch's word, his arm clandestinely conducts out of danger the heroine who opposed him, removing her at a distance from the reach of arms, and blending respect with firmness. The fatal treaty is in his possession, he knows his enemies, he is in their provinces, he carries their towns; one of their armies has already passed under the yoke; Europe is surprized to learn that the war is with the confederated Kings, and that their immense preparations have no other object than to defend their respective states. From this moment, all luxury is banished from the Monarch's tent; braving the rigour of the weather and the inclemency of the seafons, tharing, with his foldiers, in their labour, their dangers, and their frugality; watching his camp while they are asleep; devoted, in every respect to the character of a warrior, he acquits himself in it for the space of seven years, and astonishes his enemies by his courage, at . the fame time that he ferves as a model to all who belong to him.

In the midst of these scenes of horror and perturbation, the progress of administration suffers no impediment from that of arms, nor do they sustain any loss through one another; the camp of Frederic contains at once the tribunal of justice, the ministerial cabinet, the fire of war, and the fate of Prussia. Councils succeed battles, plans for the public good those of campaigns, military exercises are followed by audiences, the tumult of arms by the oracles of Themis

employé, & l'indignation augmentant in hardielle naturelle il enfante le plan qui doit humilier fis ennemis, c'est dons la position la plus délisipérée que sa main où le tracer. Déja l'armée de France & d'Allemagne est arrivée sur le champ de batuille de Rosbach; un ordre nouveau, une manœuvre sçavance sémble annouver la valonté du Dieu des combats, l'étonnement se répand & prépare la délisite. Le François & l'Hélwétion veulent en vain s'opposer à la victuire, & aux destins conjurés contre-eux; des corps entiers déstaignent de racheter leur vie par un pas en arrière; les chess & les soldats roulent ensemble dans la poussière; une raine totale alloit être le prix de leur simmeté, si le Général n'est en le courage de venir les arracher de ce champ de batuille malheureux. C'étoit l'honneur national, luttant contre les profiges de la tactique.

La trompette fonne au milieu de la vichoire, déja les enfeignes prennent leur vol, & l'armée court à un nouversa triumphe. L'Autoichien vainqueur un mois auparavant, voit amiser fan nival en Siléifie, il appoend fa vichoire, & tombe aufli-tôt faus ses coups; sa somidable armée est détruite, le champ de bataille de Lissis est son numbeau, la Siléise est reprisé, la Bohème est memacée, & les ennemis de Frédéric son à leur tour dans la srayeur & la constemation. Dans ceme immense carrière de travaux, au milieu de trait de dangers sensissans, quel dut être l'essui de ses sujens! combien de sais ils disent trembler pour ses jours! à quelles craintes & à quelles inquiérades la Prusée & son alliée ne disent-elles pus être en proie! Ceme alliée était une puissance qui étoit aussi plus remanquable par le génie de ses ministres, le courage de ses guerriers, que par ses propres sonces.

Depuis la chute de Tyr & de Carthage le mande n'avait pas vu de spectacles pareils à celui que datua l'Angleteme vois le milieu de ce sècle; elle couvroit les mers de ses vaisseaux, son pavillon vainqueur étoit arboré dans tous les poets de l'univers; le commence affervi sous ses loix venoit régulièrement lui payer dans son île le tribut de toutes les nations; ses navigateurs intrépides affordant la gloire à l'intérêt, répandoient d'une main la come d'abondance, & levnient de l'autre le voile qui couvroit le reste du globe: il ne manquoit à cette superhe puissance que d'humilier sa rivale. Dominant sur les mers, elle chercha un allié qui cût l'Empire de la terre; cet allié sut le héros Prossion; il justifia le vœu de cette affordation, & set affant de succès avec son constitée; les trésors de la nation industriente furent ouvers à la nation guernière,

the wheel of government rolling without interruption, the eyes of the King, equally fixed on war and butiness, excited alike the admiration

of his fabjects and of foreigners.

The flurn however continually increases; the allief armies are reinforced; one corps materia succeeded by others more numerous; it is the hydrowhole heads are renewed and multiply under the shed that cuts them off. Dilishers at length mined with the wictories of the King. It is in these moments, when abandoned by fortune, that he appears truly great; it is then he demanstrates how much he is superior to her, and preves that his strength is in himself.

A wither 'till this period, by an unprecedented reverie of factane, he last in a fingle-day the battle of Kollin, and beheld the capital of Bobemia ready to fall under his arms. He field, and Silefa abandoned, was become a prey to the withtrious Austrian. In this terrible critis a field from was at the point of falling from another part of his dominious which were already attacked, in the North, by Ruffa and Sweden: this form was the army of the different circles rendered formidable by their remion with France. These confederated troops were, in appearance, to

give Frederic a final blow, and to complete his min.

At the fight of a magnanimous King furrounded by numerous enemies, whom death and victory are purfuing, to whom they have affigned the field of buttle as a grave, Europe, with aviding, caffs her eye upon the force. The hero did not forget himfelf; arrived at the extremity of ill formuse he diffiliated talents that were fuperior to her fury. Whotever could be effected by a union of courage and of genius, was employed, and indignation encreasing his natural resolution he produces the plan which is to huntile his enemies, a plan which his hand is during enough to trace in the must deligenste distustion. The army of France and Gemany is already arrived on the field of hattle by Robach. A new order, a fkillful manustree forms to announce the will of the God of war: conflemation is firmed almost, and prepares the way for a defeat. In wain do the French and Hielsesten with to oppose the without, and the faces which have conferred against them; whole bodies distance to me deem their life by restreating a fingle flep; officers and privates another together in the duft; a total min would have been the neward of their obfinacy, if the General had not had the courage to fautch them from the unfortunare

guerriere, & les moyens de trémisent un courage : la vélicite s'attuelle dis lors à ce parti, & dairée confinment des dispunse de les donc élements; muis le Poullies out le plus bond findans à fintanit, lequide du Continent femble devoir l'écratie.

L'Europe, les yeax finés du une guern unif-diffraquationée, se pur-mit conseroir un pareil évènement, su croire que des efforts sufficettroordinaires pullent durc plus long-temps: elle pentitis que l'édétic urait affer fait pour la gloire en lutture contre tant d'annemis, de elle-faissie des veux uniters pour la puix qu'elle envillagent comme le tiul mayers de la convertition. La guerre un contraire continue malgré ces veux padifficulties : le mi refoublant de courage de d'activité, timble sidirer un-lieffus des forces de la nature, de bat de tous crités in conomis, fiire qu'ils venites pénètre dans les états, finè qu'il entre dans les liture. La Since work the mouveaux Carmon autrichienne finir fous les murs de Torque & le vainqueur pourfairer les libris ; ces valeurs de bronze qui vomifioient la finalte de fruit de cutte armée, ne tonnent plus que pour favoriée de cettaine, leur proteition ne le generatit pas : l'Ellie qui ille francisie his devient d'un femure plus efficate. Approvée for the rive comme for un rempur, for cel le promère avec douleur les plaies ; elle compre les peres ; elle wie fin General atteint d'un plambe meurtrier, abandonmant le communitement, les principues officiers, la moitié de les foldats tuis or prilonniers, les étendes flotters for l'autre rive dans le main de l'emeni & for com tomat fois és mites. Timis que l'irmée mtrichienne vient s'enfestir dans les champs de Torque, & que frédérie chaffe de la Sane les débris de ce carps qu'il a anéanti, fon frère le gioriaux compagnon de les victoires, vainqueur à Freglierg, pourfait les ennemis dans la Bobéne et dans la Franconie. L'Europe qui, fept ans auguenvant, avoit frimi de la polition de Frédéric, entirel some de nutes parts la retraite, & mit avec fargorite les armées des Linguerenes & des Rois lignes, butters, éponsumées, foir dans leur pays, prefér farie décrive, tradis que le redouncile monarque, moitre discharquée hamaile, petionant par tout un frant vallorieux & menugant, les rient itans le crainte d'un ermeni, dont un a effiné les coups, & qui tait remible à le me des nonveaux afants qu'il prépare.

Cette guerre étomante, dans le cours de laquelle ce Roi renverfa pencient fept aux les forces des puillances les plus formidables, répen, per universal field of bath. It was the national home fregging

against the proligino offices of the military use.

The transpertionals in the mills of victors, the colours are already thing, and the army halten to partite of a new triangle. The Soiltrium withe land been withcome the month before, behold his competitor approaching in Silitia, bein informative his withers, unit, an once, fills unite his ftrette; his fermittlifte ump is deltroyed, the field of battle of Liffe is grove, Sildie is render, Beltemie is threatened, and the comice of Profess ure, in their term, in terror unit confirmation. In this immedia corner of facts believing exercisors, in the middle of the many dangers for over firinging up many, how much his filligetts have been alternacion have after made they have remitted by the life." To what feetand amiries and Braffic and her ally have been a pres! this ally was a power likewise more remarkable for the groins of the ministers, the courses of her millions, than the the amountaines.

Somether hill of Directory Cartinger, the weight had sever terms feel to che much method emiliations by England reversity the middle of this connery. The less were covered with the verticity, the victorius flag was holder in over hallour of the universe. Connecce: hitherwises to he has regularly paped, in her life, the minute of all mations; her halorswith the will named, with one had proved from the new of plea-The said with the other rates her fail, which covered the continue of the gide: unling we wanting to this houghty power her to huntile he connection. Pulleting the identition by Es, the longitude an ally wise convert of the land. This allower the Profiles Second the public floor define of this afforcacion, and made a forcestral attack with his confederate. The tradient of the nation recovered for including were open to the making are less eminent in way, and courage co-operated with the mens. Wetage from that moment became attached to this party; that Frederic had the most associate business or (follows, it formed as if the

weight of the continue was the craft from.

Empe, fraing he was me we in illurreportionare, could not conone full mover, no before the full extraoding exchan could continue are larger; the thought that Frederic had now influies for his plan is fragging against it many conners, and he offered to be more arrives for years, which the confidence as the only means of les profiges de génicle descourage, les plus grands malheurs foutint faui indices auditant des plus grands potentes dans un paps courat, fans défents, fans autre remputs que les armées, a rendu ce fiècle maes é étamment, de fenquer des fiirums un prodige inconcerable, far tout quand regensétants et incompréhentièle événement de l'époque où il s'est publi, un le touvenglacé dans le fiècle échiré où l'homme a paragé l'air une. Biagle, encefait fan femaint, a forcé le feu à être fon guite dans les plaines néments, a défarmé le ciel de bavé fa fondre, a centre à publiance à festate dans les profondours de la mer, où s'élampant hois de la fables, il a découver de mouveaux altres, de conne le méchanième des nouges celebres, dans le fiécle entimoir il a pris polichen des tous les élément, appretimité le metare. A perfectionne des arts.

Ghireite Grees & des Romains, mémoire des Rois qui remontent aux amps des plus recolés, wous êtes despaté! Qu'on celé-de wante les exploites de llevaine, le valore de Marc-Aurèle & de Julien! qu'on ne circults pour mobbles de la frience militaire Epomisondes, Annihal & Pivritus! differeilles despeure que déployèrent dans la Germanie Acminius, Challemagne & Golfave! Freideix en a déployé de plus glaticus encores; ils outréé guillés par une main plus favante; les emenis, contre qui listiment févés, étaient plus aguerris & plus puilles, & les empagnes surquelles ils out pélité, out été tracées par un géné plus valle. Depuis Gélarmann Princenes de ceule aufit remequêle par la celérité des marches, l'art des compennes, le vigueur des affines, le lactifife des enterprifes; suit des compennes, le vigueur des affines, le lactifife des enterprifes; suit des plus brillé en même temps par les lectres et que l'essenues.

Sicerte gueres hille für lettere de trace profonde de les sanges, elle y a aufi hille cette grande legte, qu'un royanne bien adminibré por lidire ictor, puilque ce Roi fortint le plus terrible de le plus minmie fins séculette; de que le états florifians aujourd'hai alort pas de liedim, mis ur refler que le prédation s'entens james.

O Rois! quille graile vérité vous a démonté ce Monaque! Pour maile facturante prépositérante, pour élever fon trêse as-défins des autres, certifique affici ils mouthes de fujets le de provinces, il fant les quilités qui conflitment les grands hommes; le titre de héres fupérieur entre il celhi de Rois; le confidération ne le meine plus for l'étendre des policions, mais for la granteur du Monague. Il imprine fa her prefermion. War however continues, in tiple of these pulllaminous prayers; the King reliabling his courage and activity, times to list above the powers of nature; he beats his enemies on every falls, whether they chair to penetrate into his territories, or whether he enters theirs. Saxony again beholds the Austrian urny thing under the walls of Dogue, unlittle conqueror purfuing its thatter Evenuine; those voltanotes of brain which womited forth thunderbolts from the front of this army, no longer thunder but to favour their retreat, they affind no protoction or fecurity; the Elte, which they cleared, becomes a much more effectual/refource. Supported on her bunks, as on a numbers, he forways, with pain, the havor he has made; he counts their latin; he fees their General struck with the fand ball, religning the command, his principal officers, full half his foldiers either killed or taken prifiners, his colours waving on the other thore, in the hands of the enemy, and his common thundering under his orders; while the Auftrian army is feeling her figuldire in the plains of Torgan, and while Frederic is driving ment Sexony the wreak of those regiments he has defensed, his boother, the illustrious companion of his widness, widness at Freehorg. purfues his enemies into Bohemia and Francusia. Europe, who, fiven years before, had trembled for the fituation of Finderic, hears a remot founded from every quarter, and beholds, with furnites, the armies of the confederated Emperors and Kings beaten, terrified, fying into their own countries, fluiding there on the defendor, while the awful Momeeth, mafter of the field, prefesting on every fale a menoring and vidibitious from, keeps then in fear of an enemy whole blows they have endured, and makes then tremble at the new attacks for which he is pre-Dirime-

This alterating war, in the course of which he overtheev, during from years, the stores of the most formidable powers, repaired, by the wouldn't exercises of genius and courage, the greatest minfortunes, and above withstood the constant efforts of the greatest potentiates, in a country open and defencededs, without any other furtification than his armies, has fitness the period age dumb with assurishment, and will be the future an inconceivable miracle; especially when referring to this incomprehensible event to the zea in which it happened, we shall find it placed in an originated age, when man face it into the air with the

force & for gene for its Euro, & la puillince qui réfulte de ces moyens généreux est l'écueil des plus genels potuntats ; cur ce n'est pas la terro, mais les hommes, mais la trempe de leurs ames qui fiint les Empires victorieux.

La paix foccède enfin à ces violentes finnuffes, à ces foènes de currage; les armées des Empereurs, des Bais & des Princes rentrem dans leur pays ; elles y répundent les lounges de leur vainqueur ; il est célébré chez les ennemis avant que d'avair entendis les expreffions de la reconnoifiance & de l'admination de les fajets. Profiens, c'est dans Berlin qu'il va finer ces deux fentimens ; aux dispeaux fangluns fuipendus aux voltes de vos temples, vont finceiter les chef-d'annues des arts. les prodiges de gérie, les monumens de la bienfaillance, & ce bien fa cher à tous les hommes connu tions les nons de juffice & d'adminifration. Les fonmes prodiguées pour la caufe de votre Bai, font uniblés dans leur cours ; les impôts, dont l'admiration excitoit au payement en failant taire le befoin, dant wous regrettier l'épuillement qui wous en inrendifoit un nouvel emploi, n'enithent plus. Le canal qui les conduitoit à la guerre est rompu, les ordres de leur levée tions révoqués, les times de leur perception fint la proje des flammes, le Monarque couronne fes wilhoires par ce feu allumé de fes mains, de cente flamme excitée par le fouffie de la veru & de la femibilité, fut un fieu de joie pour toute la mation. O preuve fublime de la reconnoilfance du prince, combien tu dis exciter celle de les fajets, refferrer les nœuds de la confiance publique le de l'amour des peuples & du fouverain.

Congre tranquille ne fut plus qu'une fuite de proficités, le mileau dell'hibitire ne préfente que deux objens: la fagelle du mile la félicité des peuples. La Profie, formidable au défons, préfentant fans ceffe un front menapart, jouissit du bonheur que répandoit fur elle la main bienfaitante de fon fouverain; elle s'éleva au mang des plus grandes puiffances; elle devint prépandémente per les fouves, par l'effroi qu'elle infipiroit le par le fouverir des grandes choies qu'elle avoit faites. Le ministère de Potitian avoit une influence marquée fur les autres cabiners de l'Europe, le donnoit le branle à la mue du corps positique. Les trois principaux évènemens qui agitément l'Europe depuis la paix de 1763, jusqu'à la fin de fon sègne, pourseur l'empreinte de ce tocau dominant.

1º. L'anarchie qui détruit les furus des Etans en les divilant, avoit

eight, fished it at his diminion, forced the celefial fires to become his guides in the atherial plains, firipped the lifeteen of its terror and braved its thunder, when he exercifed his power and his are in the depths of the occur, when (pringing out of his (phere, he has differently new there, and become acquainted with the rountry mechanism of the heavenly bodies; in an age, in thore, when he took policitor of all the elements, divid into the profundity of nature, and curried the area to the

funnit of perfection.

Glary of Geneians and of Bomans, monuments of Kings who go back to the most remote times, he! ye are supplied. Let us one my langer boath the exploits of Trajan, the valour of Marcus Aurelius, and of Julian! nor cite, as models of the military science, Epaminon-dus, Hannibal and Pyrehas! vanish ye colours that were displayed through Germany by Arminius, Charlemagne, and Gustavas! Fortiere has displayed infinitely more glurious; they were conducted by a more skillful hand; the enemy, they were milichagainst, were more experienced and more powerful, and the sampaigns in which they were holded, were traced by a genius more wast and general. Since Casia, no Prince has rendered himself so consertables for the quickouts of his marches, the art of encampment, the vigor of his actions, the boliness of his enterprise, none has shone, at the same time, with more brilliancy in leaters and in arms.

This war may have left, indied, deep traces of its devafration, but it has left allo this important leftin, that a kingdom under a good and wife adminishation is fully competent to every thing, fines this King fullained the most dieadful, and the most minous, without contracting a fingle debt, while his others, flourilling to this day, have no wants whatever, but a treating which has never been injured by any profusion.

O ye Kings! what a momentous truth has this monarch exhibited to you! In order to make his crown prepordente, in order to lift it above that of others, it is not fulficient to have a wall multitude of fulfields and provinces, there must be the qualities which conflicte great men; the title of hero fuperior even to that of King; confidention is not measured by the extent of policitous, but by the intrinsic greatness of the monarch. He imprints his vigour and genius on his thates, and the power which refults from their greeous and noise means is the mek.

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andanti celles de la Polonge; ce n'étoit plus cette puiffance qui avoit dunné la lai à la Ruffie, repoullé les Ottomans & fauvé de leur joug l'Empire germanique. Les fiècles des Sigilmond & des Subinski étoi-cet écoulés, la gloire de leur repaume avoit paffé avec eur, la fisiblelle contraduit avec la force de les voilins, des prétentions indéciles farent réglées faisant les politions respectives, l'Etat le plus faible expit par les retranchemens les plus douloureux les vices de fin geuvernement. Cette grande leçon appendra à jumais aux Empires qu'il finat fivoir le faire respecter, & qu'il faut être redoutable quand en e des veilins qui le fant. Dans ce partage fameux, Frédéric renouvella aux yeux de l'Europe la foine que Marc-Antoine avoit donnée au moule, lorique ce'inéres Triumnient partages avec fon gluive l'univers en trois parts.

2°. La unche funéraire du dernier Electour de Bavière raillune le flumbeau de la guerre en Affernague; déja Frédéric a tiré l'épée; il marche à la vitte de fes armées; la Bohême, qui l'avoit ve poès de quarante ans aupenseant, frémit en le voyant de nouveau dans tim téin. Un Prince doué d'un génie actif & réformateur est pullé sur le trône des Céliers, Positific trouve un nival & l'Europe en fuspens voit deux puillinces éclairées & formidables, s'ébranlant pour le précipiter l'une sur l'autre ; mais la paix went triompher des armes. Hensenfement les deux risque fint plus julinex du borhour de leurs fajets que de trophéis fanglans ; trus deux philolophes il fe comoifient en gloire; les hommes font enfin comprés pour quelque choie, leur bien l'emporte fur les lauriers des Rois, eux-mêmes en font le facrifice; attenuits aux invinctions de la philutighie, à la waix de la fagelle qui se fait entendre à la fois des extremités du nord & du milli, ils futpendent leurs débuts ; trus deux appuyés fur leurs armes, ils écoutent les conditions que leur dicte Thémis par l'orgare des deux plus respectables médiateurs. L'épée rentre dans le fourman, les prétentions sont réglées, la Saue, protégée par Frédéric, est latisfiaite de l'univers applaudit aux juges. Quels étnient donc ces miniffres futilimes qui impoloient filence à Mars & à Bellone, & arborni-

C'étuit au midi le puillant dominateur des Gaules, placé fur le trûne de Charlemagne; il alpiroit à être le bienfaiteur de cette Allemagne, dont l'autre fut le conquérant; il vengenit à la fois fur l'océan le commerce utimpé, affuroit dans le Nouveau monde, à un peuple généroux,

ent le nameau de la paix fur les change de bataille!

on which the greatest potentates are wrecked: for it is not the fail, but the men, but the temper of the fouls which give to empires without and

conquelt.

Peace at length facceeds to these violent concussions, to these scenes of currage; the armies of Emperors, of Kings, and of Princes return to their respective countries; they spread the praises of their conqueror; he is celebrated among his enemies before he has beard the expressions of gratitude and admiration from his subjects. We Proffians, it is in Berlin that he is about to niver these two timesments; inflead of those bloody colours suspended in the waited arches of your temples, will now be fubilitated chef-do-graves of art, produces of genius, monuments of benificence, and that bleffing to dear to all mankind, known under the name of justice and government. Those sinus lavilhed in the cause of your King are arrested in their course; those imposts, which admiration encouraged you to pay without making mention of the occasion, which we siw exhausted with concurr, regretting only the extinction of a refource which we were precluded from employing again, those imposts exist no more. The channel which constitled them to war is interrupted, the orders for levying them are nevalual, the authority for their receipts is committed to the flames, the manusch crowns his victories by that glow which his actions have kindled in his fubjects hearts, and this flame elicited by the breath of virtue and fentibility to their concerns, has elated the whole nation with a fen de joie. O proof fublime of the Prince's gratitude, how thouldest thou excite that of his fubjects, fivengthen the ties of public confidence, and hind together the people and the fovereign with a reciprocal affection.

The tranquil periods of this reign exhibit one continued feries of profperity; the tablet of hidrary perfects only two objects, the within of the King, and the felicity of the people. Profile formidable abmail, prefenting incellently a front full of terms and menace, enjoyed a happinesis which the beneficent hand of the fowerign had diffused throughout her realm; the was exalted above the rank of the greatest powers; the began to preponderate in the feele by her forces, by the dread which the infpired, and by the remembrance of the mighty deeds the had performed. The ministry at Potsdam possessed a marked and decided influence over the other cabinets of Europe, and put in motion the wheel of the budy politic. The three principal creats which agitated Europe time the le tréire de la liberté & ficilite tuire la diferrite, & le caren dans l'an-

Au Nierd c'était une Hiéroine, digne héritière du vulte Empire de l'intre le Grant; in main en tenoit les rênes avec la même formeté; élevée fur les trophées des Matalmans, elle avoit conça le projet de faire ficurir dans l'Europe, à l'ombre de la paix, ces arts qu'elle protégoit en Ruffe.

3". L'Anglois que nous avons luille en policifion du trident de Neptune, embeuffant l'univers de la puiffance, wevoit alors la fortune inconfante favorille les emmenis. La France s'étoit renouvellée avec fon mi. Dans la vigueur elle-écrafa fa rivale de fan choc, fépara du tronc le bras qu'elle étendoit en Amérique & lui fit esquer les trionghes puffés. Son ministère aux abois invoquoit le hêres du nord comme sim ange tutélaire. Vaines prières! la fortune a mis des bornes aux faccès des empires ; elle a woule que l'infant de leur éclet & de leur grandeur fit. pretique tranjours voilin de celui de leur décadence ; la nature leur a donné des phates comme aux corps céleftes ; les richeftes a la puillance de l'Angleterne avoient excité fon orgueil; fa hauteur avoit indigné fes allies à indifferie une les elprits. Frederic ne s'écure pes de les intesès; il vit que l'abuillement de fon ancien allié étoit utile au bien de l'Europe, à celui de les fujets, à l'homeur des peuples & à l'avantage du commerce. Le militéle & le définaireffement du vainqueur lui paracent. un contrepoids à les fuccès ; il y applaudit en filence, & par la politique maintient l'équilibre, affure le bien de l'Europe & la liberté des mers. Il étuit du destin de ce prince d'être grand même par fon inschion.

Les temps de guerre de de widroire font émodés, le tumulte des armes a ceffé, le calme a funcité aux plus violens orages de la vieillefie à une jeunefie active de netoutable; Frédéric le netrouve fons les nides comme fous les traits du bel âge; Il homme s'est affolbli, mais le héms est dans trute le vigueur. Au lieu de ce guerrier indompable, frémissant au fon de la trompette, c'est un vieilland dont les cheveur blanes de la fagesse infirment le respect, transis que ses armes posses à ses piets font mêtre la terreur de périèteent de craîme par le souvenir de ce qu'elles ont fait autre-fris. Le seque de justice est dans la main qui tenoit l'épée de la viennire; elle est prête à y revenir au premier signal de la distonde. C'est ainsi que ce Monarque, sur son déclin, paroît auss resonable de plus il-

peace of 1763, so she end of his onign, bore the fump of this profession-

It is another, which defrees the forces of a nation by dividing them, had almost annihilated those of Polant; it was no longer that power which had dictated the law to Ruffie, repelled the Ottomano, and fixed the Germanic Empire from their yoke. The ages of Sigilinand and Sobieki were clapsed, the glosy of their kingdom had expired with them, her weakness bore a finking contrast to the strength of her neighbours indicterminate claims were regulated according to the nature of their respective fituations, and the weaker flate was made to atone for the errors of her government by the most afficiting unorpations and encreachments from the stronger. This important lesson will, hereafter, teach governments the ascessity of knowing how to render themselves respected, and that in the midft of formidable neighbours it is needliny to be in likewise. In this famous partition Frederic renewed, in the face of Europe, the speciale which Marc Anthony had before exhibited to the world, when this here of the triumwings divided the universe with his sweet

into these theres.

20. The funeral turch of the last Electure of Boraria, rekindled the flame of wor in Germany; Finderic has already drawn the fivered; he nurches at the head of his armies. Boltenia, who had feet him year finely years before, fluidlers at feeing him again in her very heart. A Primes endowed with a spirit of activity and reform has succeeded to the imperial dirente; Frederic finds a rival, and Europe in furpence beholds two critightened and formidable powers in violent concution to full headlong on each other; but peace is to triumph over arms. Furnsmeets thefe awe rivals are more jealous of their fulligetts happinells, there of any fanguinary trophies. Both Philolophers, they will know white conflictures true glory; a segard, in thart, is paid to men, their welliar is held paramount to the launds of their Kings, which they factifies themfelices. Accentive to the invitations of philolophy, to the wince of wildone that exclaims, at once, from the extremities of the north and fourth. they fulpend their disputes; both refting on their arms liften to the emilitions defined by Themis thro' the organs of two most respectable mediations. The favoril is fluesthed, claims are regulated, Scauny, taken under Frederic's protection, is intistied, and all the world applicate the arbitratures

-Witne

bifer entere que dans le milies de la cerrière. La ligelle de l'équire liègent à cité de lin mitte, la givire le couvre de finançant le monatoni de la Minappe plus instrufiant à molien que régonale le monatoni de vom définale. Se prople, qui n'est plus qu'un monatoli le préfide, généfies d'orante lie le perse dont ils fine monatés, comme s'il maliet le rendre mona plus ligne de leurs regers, il mituités de fiims de d'attention. Sen umps, ce temps que le more vallai sorie; il provié dide de n'en sina laiffe perits, de l'employer comme le demier bien qu'il puife faire à le ligiés. Se affine le placerdimire leur droinnes toute précisales, les autous le placerdimire leur droinness toute précisales, les acceptaires n'entrain qui re les intéréle, les reputés liné unes autous d'attres de la comme différent de la comme de de comme de la comme

Son denier regard de tourne die de mullimente, de main mourante leur med des fecture de chique le faille de financialisme : il configue ces deux fintimus des l'alte dépolitaire de démier de festes elles ; l'or va mitele viene purve qui espirate, il ritognalis le mande fin Rai que per la biedità, desdellèpes, que, de granille se convitour perte centre, aint que le timple particulier, il differentes finalment dans les minibres de palle, il se milieu plus de lisi que fa glicie & fa bienfailiere. Dijn il deliend vers la tembe, liefige le cri de l'homonité de fairemente, elle reliene fondamier effort. Julgale le commercé duit une villime qu'agniffié l'indultée de que le guerre dévanie. Les premier comp de carons tous les lieux étaient coupé, nutrile minime étient magnes: le pridite négotient, arbomet en vain for for valless Dilive it it min, était millionness. Prisdirec entirems le grace des les hommes qui le fittioner, il le repodie der for fore. Den er mit (*) office of illifonne mennik ile denite, mis la plus importante legen, il fun convenue que, filles puilfances contractiones arriese jumis le millione de tournes livers armes controlle, le dais de commerce ferient ferés & lettien públic postge as milien des questles d'Eine. Ce milé fier le fécoul du l'en figules frenc de Manuait. Rédére fe pour le novem monte ce que Cebre avie fair pour l'ancien. Lorique les ileux abandonniscont le tere, ils y luitieren auf des mores précionles ils leur figure.

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--- What then were those august ministers that imposed filence on Must under Bellom, and holded the branch of peace on the field of battle!

In the footh, it was the mighty ruler of the Gauls famel on the throne of Charlemagns. He was alpining to be the benefator to Germany, of which the other had been the companies; he was, at once, averaging on the comp, that commerce which had been uluquel, was entiring, in the new world, to a generous people the treature of liberty, and was filmsing in the old, the mar of differentiate of the camen.

In the north, it was an heroine, the beint's worthy the empired Peter the Great. Hier hand held the neits with the time firmeds; exhalted on the trophies of the Muffalmans, the had conceived the project to cultivate in Europe, under the fielder of peace, that are which

the wasgiving her protestion to in Ruffin.

3°. The English, whom we left in policion of Negaune's trident, embracing the universe with her power, more beheld former inconstant, favoring their cremies. France experienced a renovation with her King. In he vigour the gave her simil a freez thack, freezi from her work the arm the hall cannot down America, and made her capitar her puff triumples. Hie ministry at their final galp invoked the hero of the numb as their budgey angel. Unaviling pages! Forum havin limits to the proberty of kingdoms; the has ordained, that the moment of their idealour and their greatness finally almost over border on that of their define; more has given them their phases as to the hovenly bases; the riches and the power of England had made her infolent, her pride had excited the indignation of her allies, and alienated all affections. Finderic did not hole fights of his interest; he faw that the humiliation of his did ally would be favourable to the general welfare of Europe, to that of his over fullyells, to the honour of the nation, and the benefit of connects. The greatest and neutrality of the conquery fermed to him a counterpoise to her furnesses; he tacify applicals them, and by his policy maintains the balance, confirms the welfare of Europe, and the freedom of the fear. This Primer was defined to be great, own in

The time of war and withing is eligibed, the turnils of arms is huthed, a calm has forceded to the most window florm, and old age to an affive and formishible youth. Frederic recovers himself under his window,

momente. le dernier de sin senstence verreitre, il pape d'un front sérain à la mattere, le teribat au quel von est soumie; il lui semeter corps suballe de biensegnatie, dont alle lui sit don & sené un ciul l'une générale de sibilime qu'il en avoit seque; mais il n'est point de most pour le sei qui virit finit aissi. A la verité la sian, en tranchant le sil-de se journ, a sérait le famboux du géné de brité la main de se de la viduine; mais élaitent le famboux du géné de brité la main de se de la viduine; mais élle-niest pas parvenue juiqu'à se gloire: elle bait sur le unitse qu'il seccepte; elle sibilitere encore britanil sen senserée; qu'imparte que se cernier sist sessour source britanil sen senserée; qu'imparte que se cernier sist sessour source un point de la verre, si sin man la course moire sensier.

Aprelle cette rapide ciquide du règre de plus giarieux, dant puille s'houver ce fiècle, l'admiration excitée per d'aufi grands évirantess de l'admiration des vertes parriques du héros, de l'admiration le plus échitée de la plus régourente qui ait jumis régiun

La julier, cette possibile de fine, qui afine le bosheur de loureure, qui les real tranquilles de fine inquiétaite far le terre qu'ils habitent; qui oft le premier des biens pour les fiques de le premier des dreuis pour le Monarque, le julier qui fait envitage fans officie au finuile critores l'homme publient à fie datés; qui real de performe de fie propriétés facries contre le violence de les repares de l'afformation; qui fait fieure le terre fous un focute équitable, tands qu'elle fe départire de faus le violence de tous le biens de de la félicité un être majeffaceur de dévin, fource de tous le biens de de faithée publique; le juffice centaines qui il se peut enfile de facilités; quel eff le Prince qui justis l'apprécie miseur que l'entitées, qui le méries discourse, qui le remit plus facrie par les lais qu'il promuleur, par l'entemple qu'il donne.

Certeit pas que les homme folien arrivés julga à, cette épuque fans arrives des légillateurs às des hon; ils arrives même compté des Rois partir les Chienes, des Indiens, des Perie às des Egyptions éconos à des hoir aufé fages qu'anciernes, mus firons que le Crère ficaris, matar par celles que lai déte fan cui Minus, que par les villatires de ce monarque, le Facilitée de fan fierle, comme fredéric fante Minus de centrales. La légillation des Grees, iffire de celle de ces pourles, mérite le réservation des éconoges par la fagelle de la centrales. Rome elle-omème ce fant alteriennes às leur emponents le les des

on in the bloom of life; the man is become feeble, but the here is in all his wigor: infend of that anconquentile warrior, pricking up at the found of the trumpet, behold a venerable veteran whole hony locks. and whole wildom infrire respect, while his arms bring down at his feet fitile terror, and pierce with fear at the recollection of what they have formerly performed. The forgers of justice is in the hand which was herely-brandilling the fword of wictory, and which is ready to returne it on the first figual and alarm of discord. Thus did this King, on his decline, appear as formitable, and even more illustrious than in the midt of his curees. William and equity fix at the fife of his throne, gluss covers him with her mays, and renders the Monarch more interefting in proportion as the moment approaches in which he is going to defeed from it. His people who have only a moment to pulids him, anticipate with tern and grows the los they are threatened with, and as if he wished to render himself more worthy of their regret, he redoubles his care and attention to them. His time, that time which death is going to deprive him of, he makes it his tole butiness and concern to dispute without holing the minutest particle, to employ it as the last present he can make his fabjects. His most ordinary actions all become dear to them, his accupations contain nothing that does not interest them, his responses are to many oracles, his orders to many differentations dichard by equity.

His last look is directed towards the objects of wondedness and different, his dying hand extends relief to them, and beggass the pageantry of his monumental tomb: these two sentiments he registers in the deed where the last of his orders is deposited. Treasures are on the way to reftore life to the needy wortch that was expiring; he will not be informed of his King's demise but by his beneficitions.

No obelifies, pyramids, or manifeleums, shall cover his afters; like the fimple individual he shall pais without made or buttle into the shades of mortality; no wellige of him shall remain but that of his glosy and his benevolence. Alteraly he deforms towards the grave, when humanity ories about, and intreats his last exection. Till now commerce was a within pumpered by industry, and desoured by war. No some did the cannon thunder, than all ties were immediately distributed, all relations broken; the quiet merchant, in wan huising on his welfel the olive of

Peace,

douse tables. Justinien depuis se signalant plus par l'abondance que par le choix, en publia un énorme recueil; les Francs, les Bourguignons, les Visigots publièrent des codes relatifs à leurs mœurs & précieux par cette seale circonstance; les Lombards, les Italiens eurent aussi le leur; mais le malheur & la consusion voulurent que le volumineux droit romain, sait pour les hommes qui existoient il y a quinze cents ans, subsistat dans chacun de ces pays avec la loi nationale. Mille publicistes & compilateurs ajoutèrent encore à l'énorme masse. Louis XIV & Louis XV, en France, essayèrent de porter la lumière dans ce, ténébreux édifice élevé sur des plans contraires, construit par des mains différentes & avec des matériaux discordans : ils donnèrent à la vérité des statuts & des interpré-

tations utiles, & pretendirent mettre des entraves à la chicane.

Ce grand projet conçu par tant de peuples & de Princes, paffant sans exécution de fiècles en fiècles, a enfin été rempli. Frédéric profondément occupé de plus beau soin dont un Roi puisse s'honorer (la legislation) ne vit dans l'énorme recueil des loix romaines qu'un dédale d'où il étoit difficile de faire fortir la justice quand elle y étoit entrée : il pensa que la loi ne devoit être que l'expression de la raison, que ces énormes compilations n'étoient que l'abus du raisonnement & des sophismes; il l'élagua comme on retranche d'un bel arbre des branches qui le surchargent, & la simplifia à l'instar de celle de l'Aréopage, ce tribunal honoré des dieux mêmes, où le code étoit inscrit sur deux colonnes, où le travail du magistrat confistoit à décider si la question ou le crime dont il s'agiffoit, étoit jugé ou non par la loi; la filence, fur les autres cas, étant plus utile qu'une jurisprudence arbitraire. La loi est écrite dans la nature, le législateur n'a qu'à la copier sur les mœurs des peuples & la position des Etats: elle est simple, mais mâle chez un peuple brut; elle est éclairée & résléchie chez un peuple instruit; au nord elle se repose sur le calme des paffions; au midi elle veille fur leurs orages; chez un peuple nouveau un code est inutile, la loi est dans les cœurs ; mais lors. qu'elle en sort, la main du législateur doit la graver sur la pierre ou le bronze, telle que l'a dictée la nature, claire & concise. Frédéric la prit à sa source primitive, telle qu'elle étoit avant que des interprètes diffus ne s'en emparatient, & lui fit rendre des oracles auffi lumineux que précis ; alors plus de double sens, plus de fausses interprétations : à des statuts clairs & fimples, il affocia une forme d'une marche prompte & peu dispendieuse;

peace, was treated as an enemy. Frederic confined the war among the people who had occasioned it, and repulsed it to the quarter where the flame originally broke out. In that celebrated treaty in which he gave the world his last, but most important lesson, it was agreed that, if the contracting powers should ever have the misfortune to turn their arms against them, the rights of commerce should be held facred, and the public weal protected in the midft of the quarrels of the ftate. This was the fecond treaty that stipulated in favour of humanity. Frederic did for the new world what Geloc had done for the old. When the gods forfook the earth, they left also many valuable traces of their having dwelt in it.

At length the grave opens to receive his deposit; firm, in this moment, the last of his terrestial existence, he pays to nature, with a serene and tranquil countenance, the tribute which all are subject to; he returns her that body remarkable for its vigour and happy organization, which the gave him as a prefent, and renders to the heaven, from whence he had received it, a foul generous and fublime. But mortality cannot touch the King who lived, and finished thus. The fatal shears, in cutting the thread of his days, has extinguished indeed the fire of his genius, and broken the iron fand head of victory; but it has not reached his fame; it illuminates the throne he filled, and shall continue to flourish when that shall be annihilated; what avails it that his ashes are interred under a speck of earth, while his name covers the whole furface of the globe.

After this hafty sketch of a reign, the most glorious that the age can boaft, admiration, excited by so many great and wonderful events, is nearly at a loss to fustain itself at the fight of the pacific virtues of the hero, of an administration the most enlightened, and the most vigorous that ever ruled an empire.

Justice, that protectress of states, which ensures mens happiness, which gives them quiet and tranquility in the country they inhabit, which is the first of blessings for the subject, and the first of duties for the Monarch; justice, which admits the humble citizen to confront without apprehension the man of opulence and power; which secures his person and his property facred against the violence and plunder of the usurper; which causes the earth to flourish under an equitable sceptre, while it is dispeopled under the tyrant's rod; she who, in her alliance with

dispendieuse; il éloigna du magistrat & de ses jugemens toute idée de vénalité; vrai principe d'équité. Un tribunal, où Thémis achéte sa place, ne peut que perdre dans l'opinion des hommes; la main qui paye dans le sanctuaire ravalle la majesté de l'oracle; la justice doit être aussi gratuite que la lumière. Le Prussien étonné vit ensin des époques certaines à ses décisions; il compta aussi sûrement sur le terme où elle lui seroit rendue, que sur celui de ses revenus. A cette hauteur de législation, à cette assurance signalée des droits humains, il reconnut l'esprit

philosophique de son roi & le chérit en jouissant de ses bienfaits.

Sa volonté constante pour la justice étoit une suite des sentimens de vénération qu'il avoit pour elle : il la regardoit comme le principe de tout bien, de tout ordre sur la terre, comme la dominatrice des sociétés de l'univers & les rois comme ses ministres. Aussi fut-ce dans cet esprit que les hommes élurent les premiers Rois; Frédéric eut le courage de se remettre sous les yeux cette antique institution, de s'en pénétrer & de faire revivre cet esprit primitif; il fit plus, il avoua hautement la supériorité de la justice sur les rois: l'Europe l'a vu siéger au dessous d'elle & n'entrer dans son sanctuaire que le prière à la bouche, lorsque, discutant ses droits dans un tribunal étranger, il lui parla en ces termes : Supplie Frédéric, Rei. Quel étoit ce Roi qui supplioit dans une Cour inférieure? C'étoit le vainqueur des nations les plus redoutables, le Monarque le plus fage, le plus glorieux de l'univers. Quelle grande idée il donnoit de la justice, en l'abordant avec tant de respect & de soumission ; quel immortel hommage! que le souvenir en restera long-temps dans la mémoire des hommes!

O mémoire, à jamais précieuse à la Prusse, du règne de la gloire & de l'équité! C'est peu qu'un roi soit grand par les armes, s'il ne triomphe pas par la justice: les hommes sont saits pour la société & non pour la guerre, le roi magistrat se rapproche plus de son institution; il est plus dans sa place que le conquérant, parce que les hommes se sont constitué des maîtres pour les gouverner & non pour les égorger. Un roi doit sans cesse se rapeller qu'il est placé à la tête d'une nation pour son bonheur & qu'il n'en est pas sans justice: il cesse d'être Roi s'il cesse de la rendre; il n'a qu'un titre qui devient tyrannique, dès que sa conduite est opposée à ses devoirs. Les dons de Thémis dans un Etat ne sont pas moins nécessaires que ceux de Cérès: le prince qui ne veille pas à leur distribution,

the fovereign, raifes him into a being majestic and divine, the source of every blessing, and of universal selicity; that justice in a word which is the very life and soul of all societies; where is the prince who ever knew her value better than Frederic, who revered her more, who rendered her more sacred by the laws he promulgated, by the example he displayed.

Not that men had continued till this epoch, without legitlators and without laws; they had even reckoned Kings among the former; without mentioning the Chinese, the Indians, the Pertians, and the Agyptians, who were subjected to laws no less celebrated for their wildom than their antiquity; we know that Crete flourished as much under those dictated by her King Minos, as by the victories of this Monarch the Frederic of his age, as Frederic is the Minos of the prefent: the legislation of the Grecians, which was the offspring of that of these people, deservedly acquired the veneration of foreigners, on account of its wisdom and concidencis. Rome herfelf became an admirer of it, and borrowed from them the laws of the twelve tables. Justinian afterwards fignalized himself more for a multiplicity, than for his choice, published an enormous collection; the Francs, the Burgundians, the Vifigoths published some codes relating to their manners, and valuable only for that fingle circumstance; the Lombards and Italians had theirs likewife. But misfortune and confusion so ordained, that the voluminous Roman jurisprudence, made for a people who existed five hundred years before, Tould be continued in each of those countries in conjunction with the national law. A thousand publishers and compilers went on adding to this enormous heap. Louis XIV and Louis XV, in France, attempted to give light to this dark edifice raised on plans that clash'd, built with different hands, and with materials that difagreed. They produced indeed beneficial flatutes and interpretations, and made efforts to put fetters on cavil and chicane.

This great defign conceived by so many nations and princes, passing, without execution, from generation to generation, has been, at length, accomplished. Frederic, deeply occupied with the most handsome employment that can confer honor on a King, (that of legislation,) saw nothing in this enormous collection of Roman laws but a labyringth, from whence it should be difficult to lead forth justice, after she had once entered it. He thought that law should be nothing more than the expression of reason, that those enormous compilations were only an abuse

en la fulpent, est unfi repréhentible que le malue qui buille languir & périe les férviteurs fiure d'alimens. Le monarque étant le centre de toute justice, sim accès doit être facile; de cet accès dépend tout le bien de tion ressume, parce qu'il ne peut y avoir, ni oppresseur ni opprimé chez les hommes qui ont la liberté de le prélienter devant leur fouverain. Les vois font juftes, deux fojets produits un pied du trône n'en reçoivent qu'une tientence équitable; mais les barrières en tiont ouvertes à l'homme puillint, & il fint que son adversaire les franchisse; souvent même il n'y parvient pas, heureulisment pour le premier; car le fimple citeyen, qui a affer d'énergie pour s'aussie les iffues qui combailiont un fiège royal, pour y faire entendre les accens de la plainte on le cri de l'appreffien, repremi tim avantage en prélience du prince, image de la fainte vérité, devant qui trus les divits fint égaux. Le monarque interpolé entre l'epprefiere & l'apprimé, tierne les yeux fur les titres & juge les hommes ; il ne voir dans ce début que le choc du courage & de la liberté contre la richesse & la puissime; sim équité répure les urers, & le poids de son Reprocodublic l'équillibre focial.

Accès facile aupoès des mis, le plus grand de tous les biens dans un Eine, vous nous rappellez la mémoire du prince que fes fujets abacilieure en une temps, devant qui ils accusèment librement l'oppreficue, qui leur répondie à l'inflant, étendit confiamment fes devoirs, juiqu'à leur répondre par écrit, ét leur fit perpétuellement fentir les effets de fa juitice de lain comme de près. Son trêne fut le fiège de Thémis, ét femblable à Trajan, il eut unijours fa balance à la main; il ne fut jamais dans le cas d'entendre or repondre d'une ame énergique qu'une femme cabelloit à ce despute afatique, répondant qu'il n'avoit pas le temps de lui rendre justice : Els pourquei nous a tu conquis, puisque tu se peur nous juger ? Rais qui ne nous juger pas, pourquei regnez-vous fur nous ? Telle est la plainte amère qu'enhale, à la vue d'un palais royal, le fujer

qui ne peut obtenir ni anrès, ni juffice.

Ses peuples béniront à jamais fa mémoire : ils lui éleveront dans leurs cours des temples plus durables que ceux que les Romains confacrèment aux Antonins, pour avoir administré les revenus de l'Etat avec fagelle & économie, pour ne les avoir pas diffipés en profutions, en fautai-fies de luire, en graces indiférètes, fi délétpérantes pour le voir mérite qui en est frustré & pour le peuple qui les paye, pour n'avoir pas agi en propriétaire

of the understanding, and so much sophistry, he pruned it as we top from a fine tree the branches that over-load it, and timplified it like that of Arcogapus, a tribunal honoured by the gods themselves where the code was inscribed on two columns, where the butiness of the magiftrate confilled in determining whether the question or the crime, in agitation, came within the cognizance of the law, or not; filence in other cases being more falutary than an arbitary jurisprudence. The law is written in nature, the ligiflator has only to transcribe it on the manners of a nation, and on the fituation of the flate. It is fimple, but rigorous with a rough people; it is refined and confiderate with an enlightened people; in the north, it repoles on the calm tranquility of the pullions; in the fouth, it is on the watch against their storms. Among a new people a code is ufelefs, it is imprinted on their hearts; but when it iffues thence, the hand of the legislator should engrave it on flune, or brafs, as concide and clear, as it has been dictated by nature-Frederic took it from the primitive fource, fuch as it was, before it had been feired by diffusive interpreters, and drew from it oracles equally luminous and precife. No more double fende or fallacious interpretations: to fluttes clear and fample, he annexed a form of process expeditious and of fmall expence; he bunished every idea of venality both from the magiffente and his decrees; the true principle of equity. A tribunal, where Themis purchases her place, must inevitably lose in the opinion of mankind; the hand which pays in the fanchuary degrades the majefly of the oracle; justice should be as pure and free as light. The affimilhed Pruffian has lived to fee certain periods to his legislators. and to afcertain the term in which his fait thould be concluded with an much accuracy as he can reckon on the return of his rents. With this function excellence of legislation, with this figual afformace of the rights of men, he has traced and recognized the philosophic spirit of his King, and cherifies that spirit in his enjoyment of the advantages that flow from it.

His conflant real in the cause of justice proceeded from the sentiments of veneration which he entertained on that subject; he considered her the principle of every bleffing, of all order in the world, the sovereign power that regulates all societies on earth, and Kings her ministers. It was likewise in this disposition of mind that men elected their first Kings.

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propriétaire de ces fommes, mais en administrateur éclairé; enfin pour avoir rappellé le titre de Roi à son institution primitive & paternelle, en ménageant le revenu public, en le confidérant comme le patrimoine de ses enfant, en veillant sur son amélioration & son épargue, en l'envisageant comme un dépôt facré qui lui étoit mis entre les mains avec le fentiment de la confiance, & dont il étoit responsable. Aussi jamais dépét fut-il mieux confié ? Jamais confiance fut-elle mieux placée ? Le censeur le plus sérère n'a pu encore reprocher à sa longue administration une seule dépense puérile, une seule grace indiscrète. On ne vit pas s'élever sous son règne de ces sortunes séandaleuses, dont l'immensité contraste si douloureusement avec la misère des peuples, qui éteignent l'amour du travail & le feu de l'émulation par la disproportion injurieuse des prix en-tre les occupations de la magnifrature, de la guerre & des arts, & les emplois de la finance; & dans le compte que tous les rois doivent à la posnérité, la justice leur cita toujours celui de Frédéric comme le modèle

qu'ils avoient fous les yenr.

Ses moyens d'administration ont pu nous paroître étranges, choquans même à certains égards; donnons-nous garde cependant de les juger tels : il faut qu'ils ayent été fages, propres aux mœurs & à la conflitation de l'Etat pour lequel ils ont été institués, puisque se prospérité & se grandeur en ent été le réfaitut. Leurs faccès prouvent le génie de l'inventeur : il les a choisis pour être dirigés par une main ferme, telle que doit être celle de fan fucceffeur; car les refforts fur lesquels sont montés la gloire & la prospéries des monarchies, sont dans la main des rois : ils dépendent du jeu qu'ils sevent leur donner. Le génie porte son caractère dans la science du gouvernement; il change sa forme, lui donne une marche, plus rapide, des refforts plus vigoureux : il le pouffe hors des voies ordinaires & le dirige fur des routes nouvelles; dans les plans nombreux que fu féconde imagination lui préfente, il choifit le plus heuceux, le plus propre au mouvement qu'il veut imprimer, aux coups qu'il médite de frapper; tel fut celui de Fréderic. Jámais Prince ne connut mieux ces précieux sefforts, n'en fit un plus noble utige & n'en tira un plus grand parti pour sa gloire & celle de son peuple; car l'une doit être inséparable d' l'autre: à le montrque est recommandable pour avoir électrifé le corps politique, l'autre l'est également pour avoir su recueillir cette préciense étincelle & en avoir endlammé toute sa masse. Les idées du Prussien s'étendivent avec Frederic had the courage to place this antient inflitution before his eyer, to punetrate deeply into it, and to revive this primitive idea; he went even further; he loudly avowed the authority of judice faperior to that of Kinge; Europe has beheld him folomitting to her jurisdiction, and entering her functionry in the pollure merely of a fapplicant, when, difculfing his rights, before a foreign tribunal, he addressed her in these terms: Suitor, Frederic the King; and who was the King who ford in an inferior court? It was the conqueror of the most formidable nations, the willish and most glorious Monarch of the universe. How grand an idea did he give of justice, in according her with so much humility and respect; what immortal homage! Long shall the recollection of it be

preferred in the memory of men.

O memory, for ever dear to Pruffia, of a reign of glory and equity: it is of little moment for a King to be great in arms, if he does not triumph too in justice. Man was made for fociety, and not for war; the magiffrate King comes nearer the delign of his inflitution. He is more in his prevince than the conquerer, because men have appointed to themicious mafters to govern and not to maffacre them. A King. ought continutly to recollect that he is placed at the head of a people for their happinels, and that, without judice, this cannot pollibly exit; he ceases to be King, when he ceases to administer it, he possesses only a title which becomes that of a tyrant, the moment he adopts a condust contrary to his duty. The gifts of Themis are to less necessary in a flute than these of Ceres. The King who is not vigilant and attentive in the diffultation of them, or who delays this diffultation, is as reprehentible as the matter who fuffers his fervants to languish and perish for want of find: the Monarch, being the centre of all judice, ought to be easy of access: on this access depends the whole welfare of his realm, because these can neither be opposition nor opposited among a people who have the liberty of prefenting themselves before their sovereign-Where Kings are just, two fubjects produced at the fact of the throne, are fure to receive an equitable fentence. But the barriers which obfirst the way recede from the powerful man, and it is necessary that his advertisey should clear them: he often does not even find admittance, happily indeed for the former; for the fungle citizen who has fufficient frient to throw open the avenues that lead to the regal chair, in order to

les limites de son empire, avec la gloire de sa patrie; ses connoiffances s'agrandirent à mesure que le prince dérouloit sous ses yeux les plans du

génie & les cartes des féiences.

Infatigable à la tête des armées, il le fut également dans le travail du cabinet; du fond de ce réduit filentieux & fissunt, en lui vit denner le mouvement d'impulsion à la roue de l'fisorepe, dont il parut être le centre par son ascendant. Son génie dirigenit cette grande rotation, son épée applanissist les obstacles; mais pour acquesir cette influence sur les autres Etats, pour la conserver si long-temps, c'est aux ministres qu'il appareient d'apprécier les qualités, les travaux & la musie des lumières qui dirent se sondre dans ce réle sublime.

Dans les camps comme dans les contieils fan génie parcouncit, avec la rapidité de l'éclair, tous les différent partis, embeuffait tous les mayens, faitiffeit le meilleur & l'enécutait auffait. Cet heureut génie pre-noit toutes les formes, toutes les trintes, devenuit ce lui de toutes les affaires, la cléf de toutes les difficultés; il imprimait fan caractère lumineur far les matières les plus fambres; tout prenaît une tournure heureufe fous fa direction, tout se changenit en or à fan toucher; enfa il résolut un grand problème aux yeur des hommes, en leur faitant connaître jusqu'à quel point on peut élever une Monarchie, jusqu'à quel degré on peut en tendre les refints, jusqu'où peut s'élever le Prince dans toute

l'action du courage & du génie.

La diffeibation des places, cette importante partie de l'alminishration ne fut pas négligée par Frédéric; elles farent troijours la récompense de la capacité, jamais de l'intrigue & de la fasseur, & l'homme de mérite n'eut pas à gémir au pied du trône de n'avair sepu de la nature qu'un lot défavantageux dans ce jeu de hasard qu'on appelle maissance; de-là sa supériorité foutenue sur tant d'autres Etaus. Chacun occupant le poste auquel l'out conduit ses tenvaux & ses taiens, troites les places sont dignement remplies, au lieu que celui qui y arrive par les souternains de l'intrigue, s'y comporte selon l'espeit ténéhreux qui le dirige; celui qui y est élevé par le poids de l'argent, le semplit à son tour pour de l'argent. D'où résultent la cessation, l'inrégularité dans les ressons d'un gouvernement, le détraquement de la machine & la décadence d'un Empire, paux que les mains qui agissent sont étrangères ou incompatibles avec leurs sont-tions? Frédéric mit chaque homme à sa place : il sut apprésier les talens

titte abuil the accounts of complaints or the crits of apprellion, manuses his abuntage in the positione of the Prince, the image of the faced truth, before whom all rights are equal. The Manusch interpoling between the apprellic and the apprellid regards no titles, and judges between men: he diffinguilles nothing in this council but the fand of counage and of liberty against apolence and power. His against reduction of drellis every injury, and the weight of his stapes refuses the fiscial balance.

Facility of across to Kings, the grantest of all blefings in a fate, you recall to us the memory of the prime who allowed his fulfiels to alites him on every occasion, to across the oppositor with contidence and freedom, who antivered them at the moment, who, in the conthest and extensive distinge of his day, proceeded to fire as even to univer them in writing, and made them field perpetually the effects of his judice whether at a diffuser or at hand. His thome was the benefit of Themis, and, like Trajan, he always held her balance in his hand. He never fixed in the positionment to hear that represent of a spirited and determined mind, which was adjusted by a woman to the Afastic despot, who answered us, finer thousands not judge us?—O King, as you do not judge us, why do you right over us? Such is the hitter complaint exhalst at the fight of a could palace, by the fulfight who can obtain mitther assets nor judice.

His people shall for over bless his memory: they shall make temples to him in their hands, more durable than their the Romans conferenced to the Autonian, for having adminishered the overnoes of the share with wildom and occurrency, for not having difficulted them in adis of predigative, in the captions of houses, in indifferent largestes, to affiliting to real merit, which is, in confequence, excluded and difficulties, and to the people who are compelled to pay them; for not having affects the proprietors of those fame, but as other and femilish traffices; in a word, for having reflected the title of King to its primitive and paternal infinitesion, in managing with ability, the public family, in conditioning it as the patrimony of Nicochildren, in keeping a watchful eye on its improvement and expenditure, in regarding it as a faced deposit put into his hards with the featurers of confidence, and for which he was refunda-

de fles floiets & les diffribuer dans la société comme un habile architecte emploie les matériaux selon le besoin & les propriétés. L'empire qu'il eut tier lies tiens bai donna la fapériorité for tous ceux qui l'approchoient ; les affections de leur ame étoient autant de caractères à l'aide desquels son œil perpant life it dans leur cœur. Son esprit calme entrant tout entier dans chaque affilire & en fortant de même, étoit une lumière qui éclairoit l'innérieur des hommes & lui en dévoileit les qualités ou les vices. Le réfultat d'un coup d'œil suffi juste, d'une disposition suffi éclairée fut un état tout de nert, parce qu'il ne renferma ni vide, ni abus, ni partie foible. Cet heureux choix des fujets fut remarqué de toute l'Europe & justifié par un faccès de quarante-fix ans. Si ce prince n'a jamais vu l'homme en place manquer aux devoirs de son poste, c'est parce qu'il étrit fait pour ce poste & que son genre d'espeit avoit été sais par son Roi conformé dans la connoifiance des hommes; effet de ce tact exquis qui contribue une époques brillantes de l'hidroire, aux règnes heureux, & qui fut la principale cause des prodiges que l'univers admira sans interraption dans le cours de celui de Frédéric.

Le urine, depuis Marc Aurele & Julien, avoit ceffé d'être occupé par des Princes philosophes, il était réfervé à Berlin de renouveller le spectacle que donne à l'univers Rome favante & victoriense; mais le Sage couranné du nord fit plus que ceux du midi; il ne fut pas seulement philosophe, il sut poète, historien, limérateur & grand homme en tous

genres.

Il fat grand de fa propoe grandeur; & on ne lui affociera pas, comme aux Rois dont le règne a fuit époque, des coopérateurs à fa gloire : il fut tout à-la-friis le légiflateur qui éclaira fes Etats, le guerrier qui les défendit, le fage qui les inflruifit, le favant qui y guida les arts, l'adminiferateur de la finance la mieux régie & le Triptolème qui y fat fleurir l'agriculture. Sa voix appella le commerce; il le fixa dans fes provinces par fes fecours & fes hienfaits, & lui fat une patrie d'une terre étrangère. Tantis que fa main occupée à fonder des bourgs & des villes, préparait des habitations à fes fujets, la population, fecondant fes vues paternelles, augmentoit à mefiure des peines qu'il fe donnoit pour la rendre heurenfe; il ne partagea aucun de fes avantages avec les hommes qui l'entourèment; il les tira tous du fein de cette philosophie, dont il imprima le forau fur ce fiècle qui partera fon nom. Sa gloire concentrée

better placed? The severest consor has never been able to reproach his long administration with one purrile expense, with one act of indiscreet liberality. Nothing was to be seen in his reign, of those scandalous fortunes, whose enormous size exhibits such a melancholy contrast with the misery of the people, which extinguish the love of industry, and the fire of emulation by that injurious disproportion of the prices and rewards between the occupations of magistracy, of war, and of the arts, and the employments of tradeand commence; and, in the account which is idue to posterity from all Kings whatsioever, justice shall always eite that of Frederic as the model which they had before their eyes.

His mode of administration may have struck us as strange, and in some respects even shocking; let us beware, however, not to judge it so. It must certainly have been wife, adapted to the manners and constitugion of the flate for which it was inflitted, fince her prosperity and greatness have been the result of it. The success proves the genius of the author; he adopted this mode, that it might be purfied and directed by a vigorous hand, fuch as ought to be that of his facceffor, for the springs which actuate the glory and prosperity of monarchies are in the hands of Kings: they depend on the play which these have the skill to give them. The character of genius is discovered in the science of government, this genius changes the form of it, gives it a quicker action, and stronger springs; forces it out of the common track, and guides it into a new road; in the multiplicity of plans which a fertile imagination presents, makes choice of the most happy, the best adapted to the movement it withes to imprefs, to the blows it meditates to strike; fuch was that of Frederic. Never was there a Prince who better understood those springs, who made a more noble use of them, and turned them more to the advancement of his own glory, and that of his people; for one should be inseparable from the other: if the Monarch is praiseworthy for having electrified the body politic, the others are equally for for their skill in collecting that precious spark, and lighting the whole mass with it. The ideas of the Prussian catended with the limits of his empire, with the glory of his country; his knowledge became enlarged in proportion as the Prince annulad before his eyes the plans of genius, and the charts of the sciences.

en lui-même ne dut rien à personne; elle s'éleva comme cet astre éclatant qui communique sa lumière aux autres sans emprunter d'aucun.

Des hauteurs de la philosophie il contemploit d'un œil sérein les bornes étroites de la vie de l'homme, les orages qui l'agitent & la différence de ses opinions; il sourioit de pitié sur ces despotes, dont l'ame entourée des terreurs de la superstition est livrée aux funestes impressions de l'esprit de parti, qui veulent tout ramener à l'idée qui les a subjugués, tout rapporter en métaphitique au niveau de l'uniformité, si contraire au plan de la nature dans la variété de ses innombrables productions : il connut que la tolérance étoit une loi que nécessitoit la justice ; dès lors elle fut admise & tint sa sanction des mains de la philosophie. Le catholique exclus jusqu'alors, fut élevé au rang de citoyen & eut des temples jusque dans la capitale. Affis à la même table avec le Juif, l'Anabaptiste & le Réformé, il les embrassa comme ses frères, maudit les fanatiques qui avoient rompu les liens du fang & de l'amitié, & mis la division dans la grande famille des hommes. La superstition qui, dans certains Etats, érige des tribunaux de sang, étouffe le germe de la pensée & repousse constamment l'ame vers la terre, ne vit pas sur ce sol éclairé, l'ignorance lui bâtir des palais & lui prodiguer les richesses & les honneurs, malgré les gémiffemens de la raison. L'étranger, qui n'avoit pas à craindre sur cette Contrée tolérante la tyrannie d'une secte exclusive, vint y chercher une patrie, & la chargea d'une population brillante, juste récompense d'un gouvernement, dont l'œil rapide & occupé se promène fur des fujets & ne descend pas à des opinions.

En parcourant la gallerie de l'histoire, on voit que ses pinceaux perpétuellement occupés des trônes, se sont rarement arrêtés sur les arts-Le despone terrible, le redoutable conquérant, paroissent seuls en possession des trompettes de la renommée, seuls ils jouent leurs rôles sanglans sur le thélitre du monde; autour d'eux, ce n'est que solitude & silence. Ici la soène a changé, les sciences & les arts ont marché avec le Monarque, Maupertuis, Formey, Bernouilli, tous les savans de l'académie de Berlin ont été associés à la gloire de son règne & au triomphe des sciences; l'histoire des beaux arts a été liée à celle de sa vie & lui donné un nouvel éclat. Ce sont des associés qui se sont prêtés un secours mutuel pour l'exécution d'une grande entreprise. Cette entreprise a-été selle de la métamorphose d'un royaume, du passage de la barbarie aux Indefatigable at the head of his armies, he was no less so in the labour of the cabinet; from the depth of this still and scientific recess, he has been seen impelling the wheel of Europe, of which he seemed to be the centre, by the ascendancy he maintained. His genius directed the mighty rolling of this machine, his sword levelled all obstructions; but to acquire this influence over the other states, to preserve it long, ministers thould know how to appreciate the qualities, the services, and the whole body of enlightened and eminent characters, which ought

to be displayed in this aweful part.

In the field, as in council, his genius pervaded, with the rapidity of lightning, all the different circumstances, embraced every mensions feized upon the best, and immediately put it into execution. This happy genius assumed all forms, all complexions, became that of every fort of business, the key of every difficulty; imprinted its luminous character on the most gloomy objects; every thing took a happy turn under his direction, every thing changed to gold at his touch; in a word, he resolved a grand problem to mankind, in demonstrating to what point of elevation a monarchy may be raised, to what degree its springs may be extended, to what eminence a Prince may arrive in every

action of courage and of genius.

The distribution of places, that important part of government, was by no means neglected by Frederic. They were always given as the reward of abilities, never of favour and intrigue, and the man of merit had not to deplore, at the foot of the throne, that he had only received from nature a lot which is a difadvantage to him in that game of chance, called, birth; hence was the fuperiority he maintained over so many other states: where every person occupies the post, to which his services and his talents have conducted him, all places are properly filled; · while those who arrive at them by the subterraneous passages of intrigue, conduct themselves according to the dark spirit which directs them; he who is raifed by the weight of gold to an elevated fituation, will, in his turn, fill every vacancy for an offer of the same; hence proceed delays and interruptions, irregularities in the springs of government, a notal disorder of the machine, and the ruin of an empire, because the hands which move them are strange, and incompatible with their functions. Frederic placed every man in his proper fphere; he new what value no mut arts, de la foiblesse à la force, de l'ignorance au favoir, du simple entendement au génie de d'un règne ordinaire à l'administration la plus sage, la mieux combinée de la plus énergique qui ait étonné l'univers, fruit du génie sublimé de ce roi de de l'amour des belles lettres qu'il cul-

tiva dès la jeunerie.

Etude des belles-lettres, nourriture falutaire de l'ame, toi qui répand un baume précieux fur la vie da tranquille citogen, qui calme les accès bouillans de la jeuneffe, qui donne un vieilland une compagnie déliciente à l'époque où celle du monde l'abandonne, qui forme le cœur du guerrier, & l'instruit sons la tente; toi qui donne à la vie de l'homme une heureuse plénitude, & en élaigne l'enmi, ce fimette posson qui l'attrifte & la dévore, tu fus au nombre des nobles occupations de ce Prince ; il brilla du plus grand éclat dans la carrière liméraire, & quand fon corps fuccomboit tous le poids des fatigues & des années, il fembloit encore le revivitier par les charmes de l'efprit & de l'éradition; fon ame ce dégageant de la maffe terrettre qui s'éconulnit autour d'elle, paroiffoit dans toute la force. Si les grandes actions fortaient jumnis de la mémoire des hommes, l'Imprimerie qui triomphera unijours des fureurs de la barbarie, appendra a nos demiers neveux, qu'il exista en Prusse un Roi auffi favant que magnanime, qui se servit de la hure avec autant de succès que de l'épée, & dont les chants élevés & hammonieux feront encore, après une longue fuite de fiècles, l'objet de leurs délices & de leurs inftructions.

L'art de la guerre, ce poime élesé, digne fujet d'une mule martiale, où la raifon fupérieure, à l'exemple & au délire de l'enthoufiaime dédaigne la fiction, où le poète courunné orlithre la glaire des guerriers, exalte celle de fes fujets, excite leur fieu, enflamme leurs ames, & leur donne des préceptes qui duivent fiaire paffer la victione à leurs descendans, est un monument dont la poètie buillante & la féience profonde feront regarder l'auteur comme l'Homère de la Prufie. Il en est d'autant plus digne, qu'il a fu comme ce poète fublime, se tracer une route nouvelle, en jetant un œil de dédain sur ces machines uties, & ces moyens sans cesse répétés depuis le père de l'Epopée. Il semblemit même, si on ne savoit combien sut vis en lui le désir des commissiones, qu'il ait abandonné la lecture de tous les autres poèmes épiques, pour s'élancer dans la carrière avec ses propres surces, sans autre soutien que son imagination; effor

put on the talents of his subjects, and to dispose of them in the community, as an able architect employs materials as he finds occasion, and according to their qualities. The command he possessed of his senses, gave him the fuperiority over all those who approached him. The different affections of their minds were fo many characters by the help of which his piercing eye read their hearts. His cool and tranquil understanding entering fully into every subject, and relinquishing it with equal facility, was a light which gave him a clear infight into men, and developed their virtues or their vices. The refult of fo quick and accurate a penetration, of fo luminous an arrangement, was a state all finew, because it contained neither chasm, nor abuse, nor any feeble part. All Europe remarked this happy choice of fubjects, and it was justified by a series of success for fix and forty years. If this Prince never saw a man in office fail in the duties of his post, it is because he was made, in a manner, for this post, and that the temper of his mind had been seized upon by this King, a proficient in the knowledge of mankind: an effect of that exquisite feeling which is conducive to the brilliant epochs of hiftory, to foccessful reigns, and which was the principal cause of the prodigies which the whole world admired without interruption in the course of that of Frederic.

Since the days of Marcus Aurelius, and of Julian, no throne had been filled by Princes who were philosophers. It was referved for Berlin to renew the spectacle given to the universe by Rome in her age of letters and of victory; but the sceptered sage of the north did more than those of the south; he was not merely a philosopher; he was a poet, an historian, a scholar, and a great man in every one of these de-

scriptions.

He derived his greatness solely from himself; and will suffer no diminution or disparagement, like the Kings who have terminated their reign, through conditators and affociates of his glory. He was at once the legislator who enlightened his states, the warrior who desended, the sage who instructed them, the scholar who introduced the arts, the most able and judicious sinancier, and the Triptolemus who made agriculture slourish. Commerce obeyed his summons; he attached her to his provinces by his protection and benefits, and from a foreign land made it her native country. While his hand was employed in founding towns

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effor généreux, exemple tiablime, tiallitant téul pour emichir les féiences de productions neuvelles & des plans originaux, & pour mettre les dermères bornes à ces troides répétations de l'anxiquiné, qui penvent valoir à leur nuteur le titre d'érudit, nouvei de la locture des anciens, mais ju-

mais celai d'homme de génie.

Quelles bornes honteutes ont tenté de mouve aux fériences, ces hommes qui ont fonteun qu'il n'y avoit plus vien de nouveau à dire, que troit avoit été trouvé, & dit par les anciens, & qui ont voulu que la nature est des limites aufi étroites que celles de leur esprit. Hommitment que la philosophie, qui connoît les richetles immentes, & l'étantiue infinie de l'imagination humaine, a foulé aux pieds ce préjugé de l'ignorance & de la parelle, franchit tous les jours de nauveaux intervalles, & fe jeure dans le routes inconnues où Foédéric n'a pas emint de s'exposie.

Cette main, qui tiroit des tins fublimes de la lure d'Aquillon, mania avec foccès les pinceaux des Thucidide & des Tacite. La charté des itées, la jufte exposition des fujets, le tun infleudist, qui nigne dans ses tublemes lui méritèrent le titre d'hitharien de la maison d'Holtemadern, c'étnit la fienne; car tous ses travaux, ses amusemens mêmes ont éré confacrés à son avantage. Mais si on est curienx de connoître le héros moral dans les détails, si on vent savair comme son ane & son éloquence se déployaient sons noutes les sonnes; qu'un consulte ces épitres, animées non-à-la-sois par la chaleur du stile & de la pentier, ces distinurs empreints du soean de la philosophie, ces lettres, & ces nipontes que sembla dicter la sagesse. Ces pièces sennt des monumens éternels des progrès que se ce Monaeque dans les sciences & les arts paisibles; nous allors le voir s'élever au même niveau dans celui de la guerre.

Il est un art terrible, aussi aucien sur la terre que la propriété des hommes, c'est l'art de la guerre. Le buis & les pierres surent dans les premiers siècles les agens de sa fureur, le ser les remplaça; sont du sein de la terre, il la subjugua & devint son maître. Le Gree & le Romain associèrent au métal homicide les combinaisons physiques, les avantages résultans de l'intelligence des évolutions, du poids de la masse, du actions des armes, & d'une discipline échirée. Cette science, des Polyhe & des Xenophon, valut à ces deux peuples l'empire du monde. Mais l'homme, depuis s'étant élevé par les connoissances, les élémens ayant cété à son génie, il associa le seu à ses sureurs, & combatit comme les

and cities, and preparing habitations for his fulfielts, population (seemiing his paternal views, increased in proportion to the pains he took to
effect their happiness; he borrowed none of these advantages from his
neighbours; he drew them all from the boson of that philosophy, the
feal of which he has thanged on this age which shall bear his name.
It is givey, concentrated in himself, derived no affishance from any perion
what sever, it was as conspicuously elevated as the transcendant planes
that communicates its light to others without being indebted to any one
in return.

From the eminences of philotophy he contemplated with a ference eye the narrow limits of human life, the flurns which aging manking, and the difference of their opinions. His limited, with pity, on those delpots, whole minds, encomputed with the terrors of fuperfittion, are abandoned to the fatal imprelions produced by the friest of party-bigotrawho would refer every thing to the idea which has enflowed them, who would metaphytically reduce all to one general uniformity of principle. to contrary to the plan of nature, in that endless wariety of her innumerable productions : he knew that toleration was an indifferilible law which juffice made necessary, and that it had therefore been admitted, and functioned by the hands of philotophy. The extincia, 'till now excluded, has been promoted to the rank of a citizen, and allowed his temples in the very capital. Seated at the fame table with the Jew, the Analogail, and the Protestant, he has entired them as his bestimen, he has executed those faraties who had broken the links of blood and friendthey, and created a divition in the great family of mankind. Superfition, which, in certain flates, creds fanguiness tribunds, chooks the building thoughts, and conflantly debates the foul repulled to earth, has never feet, in this enlightened land, ignorance building temples to be. and lavishing riches and homours on her, in fixte of the remouthness and lamentations of reation. Foreigness, who had no caute to feet, in those tolerating regions, the tyramy of an exclusive feet, have come hither, in fearth, as it were, of a native country, and have crowded her with a brilliant population, the just recompense of a government, whole quick and budy eye exputiates over the multitude of her fullyells, without deforming to their opinions.

des humins. A ne de qu'accroler l'horrour de ces deines definatives. Biannite des globes enfluences, purcounne l'air over un bruit affiquible, renvenièrent les rempares & leurs défenieurs, d'autres furent altreiter l'emmi juique de les rechers les plus elempés, pendant que des voltens artificiels didivient donn les rocs & les cimielles. Tandis que la mere applicatiffice à la folie des hommes qui ne le haffoient plus de line de fierete, & chercheitent à s'anionnir d'un deal coup, l'altern. Oritern, Wantom, s'efforçaient à l'erre de periodismere cette déseaux fistaile, inserpagnaient des efforts de l'imagination, les pendiges du génirles tralique affinietie un mouvel are, & minumés élapses des principes, centraline le velètoire, & terraffe les arméss. Gultare fort du finé de Nord, donne le premier se épopule efforçait. Tourne & Condé encriteirent des lettes moveble cernière.

Brederic fermonn für de thiebre de la guerre, en 1740, & over liei penet un set mouveau. Son infanterie mieux formie, affajettie à dismouvement plus leftes & plus précis, avoir l'avantage d'agir avez une regisités écommente. De la la faperiorité de fire fen, firmile far la viteffedes décharges. Ces différens corps, carrols avec une figurité le une coude protocide, applicate dans leurs divisions avec unt de celérité, & rigerisen des coups it julies for les coups appelles, qu'il leur était inpolitike dly relitier, milger lear months. Entere its reasis, c'étair me millionectunitable, identiles mouvement memories le prétoient avec une restricter (implicite une mobres du chef qui en était l'anne, & mêtreillier l'ensemidous des nappes d'un feu terrible & continu. Tels Phi. Tope & Miranide Somicres ette platinge intincible, Finfirment de leurs conquêtes. Ce fan sinh que Frédéric, pour souir la inventer une tallique ligéricore, le procurs cette faite de famile, qui fa l'écomment. des nations. Muss if me cont pas que ce fin afec d'avair destit à fer foidan le fecre de la vithier, d'il n'y jognoù la septite de muches, la publicité plans, dété choir dans l'affecte des comps : il en homit le faille, la millielle, de toutes charges matiles, il y recommunit le courage. k Conside, k Cobordination, joigue l'exemple au précepte, & donnée mouvement il monilloca.

Ce movemen, minicile bem fen de le glaire, entaine les ceurs vers lin, de fiteroile structes espeits dans un feul orbe dant il étair le

In running over the tablet of hiltony we fee her penal perpetually recognisis with thrones; the ares have teldon been attended to. The tremendous dejrot, the formibible conqueror alone have policifel the trung of time; they alone have played their bloody pure on the theotere of the world; around them, is nothing but folitude and filence. Here the form is changed; the are and fairness have gone on, in progreffion with the Mounch; Maspertuis, Formey, Bernouilli, all the Litterati of the Berlin academy have been combined with the glory of his reign, and with the triumph of the friences; the hillory of the fine are has been invariably connected with that of his life, and given him a new lafter; they are companions who have afforded each other a mutual affiftunce for the execution of a great and important uniteraking. This unitertaking has been nothing less than the transformation of a kingdom. actualities from burbanilis to refinement, from a flate of weakness to that of firength, from ignorance to knowledge, from the plain fimplicity of the underlanding to the towering flights of genius, from an polimery reign to an administration fraugit with william, the best concerted and the most vigorous that ever aftonished the universe; offspring of the falliant genius of this King, and of his puffion for that urbanity and literature which he cultivated from his worth.

Sweet Science, Silutary Sufferance of the Soil, 'his thing to pour a pections below over the life of the tranquil citizen, to calm the feverific efferediences of youth, to familh age with a delicious fociety, at a periot, when that of the world has abundance him, to from the warrior's beart, and to infirate him in his tent, to give a happy plenitude to human life, and to buside all laffitude and languar, that fittel poilon which entitites and confume it! Thou wall among the number of the mobile occupations which this Prince purfuel; he has fluore with the greated before in his literary career, and when his body was insking under the weight of talk and years, be formed, to revive it, by the charms of imagination and endition; his fool dilengaging herfelf from the terreftrial mais which was crumbling, as it were, amound him, appeared in all her rigour. If his great archievements thould ever elegate the memory of man, the prefs, which shall always triumph over the furious rage of betheries, that inform our latest posterity that there once existed in Profite a King, of equal learning and magnatimity, who was as great a mailier

centre. Ce fut cette flame attractive, principe de tous succès, qui sit périr sur des champs-de-bataille les généraux Schuverin & Kleit, qui sit tomber Maupertuis dans les mains des Impériaux, qui ramena sous ses drapeaux les soldats qui avoient désendu Schednitz. Ces guerriers frémissans de leurs sers, les briserent au récit de la victoire de leur Roi à Rosbach, & vinrent reprendre leur sièrte & leur courage, dans ses bataillons. Ce point de la tactique, par lequel le ches communique son ame à ses troupes, est le plus heureux sans contredit, parce qu'une armée qui n'a qu'un seul esprit est un corps invincible, le principe vital se conferve jusqu'ua dernier individu. Mais il n'appartient pas à sous les chess de sousser ainsi leur ame dans le sein de leurs soldats, c'est un prodige resérvé ua génie des Alexandre, des Henri & des Frédéric. Ces traits dispensent de faire l'éloge du sentiment qu'il apporta dans l'amitié. Le Prince, à qui ses sujets sont de pareils sacrifices, les mérite, & pour avoir des amis il faut savoir aimer.

Quel fut le fonds qui lui produisit une moisson de lauriers aussi abondante en tous genres : le plus précieux de tous, la méditation, & la retraite. Les idées isolées dans le calme de la solitude, entourées des tableaux de la nature, se développent avec une étendue, & agissent avec un reffort qui étonne jusqu'à l'homme, dans le sein duquel elles ont Emploi du temps, heureux don de la fagesse, qui sauve l'homme des solitudes de l'oissveté, le garantit des passions errantes autour du désœuvré, qui préserve la vie du vuide, & lui imprime un noble mouvement; tu fus le partage de ce Roi, le plus occupé & le plus actif qui ait existé; quand la mort, frappant à la porte du palais, vint lui présenter le sable écoulé, affuré de n'avoir laissé en arrière aucun de ses devoirs, il attendit d'un front sérein le coup fatal. Comme son assiduité au travail, son aversion pour l'oissveté & les passions frivoles, avoient fait la gloire de son règne, le bonheur de sa vie, & la sélicité de ses sujets, elles firent croire la tranquillité de ses derniers momens. Tel périt le plus actif & le plus intrépide des Empereurs Romains, en demandant s'il n'y avoit plus d'affaires à expédier. La mort d'un tyran ressemble à la fin d'un jour d'orage, celle de Frédéric fut la fin d'un beau jour.

Le courage le plus intrépide brilla dans ce Prince pendant tout le cours de son long règne. Ce ne fut pas cette fureur aveugle, qui allume un soyer dans le sein du lion ou de l'homme séroce, qui fait de leur master of the lyre as of the sword, whose sublime and harmonious strains, shall continue, after a long succession of generations, the object,

at once of their delight and of their instruction.

The Art of War, that sublime poem, the worthy subject of a martial muse, where reason, superior to the example and deliriums of enthufiafin, fourns at fiction, where the crowned poet celebrates the warriors glory, exalts that of his subjects, excites their fire, inflames their souls, and gives them precepts calculated to transmit victory to their descendants, will remain a monument to the author, while brilliant poetry and profound science shall continue in respect, and distinguish him as the Homer of Prussia; and he is the more worthy of this distinction, because like this sublime poet, he has discovered a new path, casting a disdainful eye on the machinery generally employed, and the means that have been invariably repeated fince the father of the Epopæa. would even imagine, if the lively passion he manifested for every kind of knowledge was not sufficiently known, that he had neglected to read any other epic poem, in order to spring forward, in his course, by his own vigour, without any other affistance than his imagination. noble flight, a sublime example, sufficient singly to enrich the sciences with new productions and with plans of originality and invention, and to fet final limits to those cold repetitions of antiquity, which may dignify the author of them with the title of scholar proficient in the reading of the antients, but never with that of the man of genius.

What difgraceful boundaries have those men attempted to impose on the sciences, who have maintained that there is nothing further new to say, that the antients have sound out and said all that was possible, and who have pretended that the limits of nature are as circumscribed and as narrow as those of their own fancy and understanding. Fortunately, philosophy, who is acquainted with the immense treasures and infinite extent of the human immination, has trampled under her feet this prejudice of ignorance and sloth, discovers, every day, new space, and ventures into unknown regions which Frederic has had the courage

to explore.

That hand which drew such sublime music from the lyre of Apollo, handled with equal success the pencil of Thucydides and of Tacitus.

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corps une machine meurtrière, qui dans son élan brutal, brise indifféremment l'obstacle qui l'arrête, ou se brise elle-même. Mais ce courage réfléchi, tempéré par la sagesse, docile à la voix de l'honneur, & transformé en un fentiment noble & vertueux, qui affure à l'homme la supériorité dans tous les Etats. C'est lui qui élève le soldat au rang de grenadier, c'est lui qui pose l'homme riche & heureux devant le canon qui le foudroie, ou qui lui fait supporter des travaux accablans dans les marches & dans les camps. C'est lui qui arrache les rois aux délices des Cours, pour les faire habiter sous la tente. C'est lui qui les expose à la fatigue, & les présente aux dangers. Le courage de Frédéric se montra sous toutes les faces. Il supporta la disette, l'insomnie & des travaux inconcevables pendant des années entières. Couvert de l'habit d'un foldat, foit qu'il fût campé dans les neiges, soit qu'il marchat sous les rayons d'un soleil brûlant, la plainte ne sortit jamais de sa bouche, on n'entendit de lui que la voix qui encourage, on ne vit que l'action qui anime. Il brava la mort sur les champs de bataille comme à l'approche des citadelles, & fut dans ses armées un modèle de bravoure & de fermeté. Présentant un front menaçant, prêts à s'élancer au premier son de la trompette, ses sujets se reposoient sur la protection de ses armes, & ses ennemis étoient contenus par leur terreur. Mais où son courage n'eut point d'exemples, ce fut contre les revers de la fortune; ce fut contre la réunion des ennemis qu'il osa combattre, contre l'appareil effrayant de leurs forces, & la constance de leurs attaques; ce fut d'avoir entrepis & exécuté avec gloire, mais avec des efforts & des périls inouis pendant sept ans, ce que les hommes les plus intrépides, les Monarques les plus puissans, n'eussent osé regarder comme praticable; ce sut d'avoir fait pâlir l'Europe à la vue de ses dangers, & de l'avoir rendu muette à la vue de ses succès.

La carrière de la gloire est ouverte à tous les hommes, mais la gloire du sujet n'est point celle du Roi, répondant aux petits moyens avec lesquels il s'agite dans la société, elle a des bornes que le génie sublime seul a le droit de reculer à l'infini. Pour celle du Monarque sondée sur de grands moyens, sur l'assemblage des qualités qui constituent l'héroisme, elle s'étend par-tout où pénètre sa puissance, par-tout où parviennent ses biensaits & son nom. Cette gloire ne consiste pas dans le luxe, mais dans les vertus qui brillent autour du trône. On la trouve dans Trajan & Julien,

The perspicuity of ideas, the just exposition of the subjects, the instructive tone which reigns throughout his tablets, have deservedly gained him the title of the historian of the house of Hokenzolern, it was his own; for all his labours, even his amusements were consecrated to his advantage. But if we are curious to become acquainted with this moral hero in the detail, if we wish to know how his mind and his eloquence displayed themselves under every form, we must consult those epistles, animated, at once, by the warmth of stile, and thought, those discourses stamped with the seal of philosophy, those letters and those responses which wisdom seemed to distate: these pieces will continue eternal monuments of the progress this Monarch made in the sciences and arts of peace: we shall now behold him rise to the same

degree of elevation in that of war.

Truly terrible is the art of war, of immemorial time, coeval with the property of mankind. Wood and Stone were, in the first ages, the instruments of human fury, for which iron has since been substituted; escaped out of the bowels of the earth, it has subjugated it, and is become its master. The Grecians and the Romans joined, in aid to the murderous metal, physical combinations, the advantages resulting from a knowledge of evolution, the mechanical effects of weight, the choice of arms, and a well ordered discipline. This knowledge of Polybius's and Zenophon's, gained these two people the empire of the world. But man having fince ascended by the sciences, the elements having submitted to his genius, he called in the fire to be the companion of his fury, and waged war, like the gods, with thunder. To the miffortune of the human race, this new method has been carried to perfection, and has added only to the horror of these destructive scenes. Soon after burning globes rumbling dreadfully through the air overturned fortresses with their defenders, others pursued the enemy to the steepest cliffs, while artificial volcanos sprung rocks and citadels. In the mean time death stalked abroad, applauding the madness of men who had left themselves no place of security, and studied to annihilate each other at a fingle stroke; Fabert, Cohorn, Vauban contended to bring this fatal science to perfection, they united efforts of imagination, supernatural instances of genius. Tactics reduced into a new system, and reasoning on its principles led victory in chains, and swept away whole armies.

Julien, marchant au milieu de leurs légions, & allégeant leurs fatigues par leur exemple, dans Henri IV, vêtu & vivant comme fes foldats, dans Louis IX, rendant la justice sous le chêne de Vincenne; dans Marc-Aurele & Antonin, simples dans leur extérieur, répondant aux invitations de leurs amis, (ils méritoient d'en avoir) comme à celles de leurs égaux; dans Charlemagne, couvert d'une laine épaisse, calculant sa dépense, & ne dédaignant pas d'entrer jusque dans le plus minutieux détails de ses ressources rustiques. Frédéric connut de bonne heure que cette gloire est la véritable, qu'elle seule fait le bonheur des peuples, en même-temps qu'elle annonce le bon esprit du Prince qui fait mépriser cette pompe, dont le faux brillant n'eut jamais que la funeste propriété d'énerver les principes des Etats. Il faisit pour son lot les vertus qui doublent les forces des Empires; il adopta la simplicité & la frugalité, & ces vertus si riches par elles-mêmes, repousserent de la main, sur les provinces, les tréfors que la décoration royale amoncelle autour du Prince. Il résulta de là deux choses également avantageuses, l'Etat fut florissant, le trône sut entouré de gloire, & de la vraie gloire, car tant que vécut ce Prince, aucun dans l'univers ne fut plus glorieux que le sien, aucun n'eut plus d'éclat. Le philosophe & le guerrier n'en approchèrent jamais sans joie, ses sujets sans confiance, l'étranger sans admiration, & les hommes en général sans respect.

Les arts, ces arbîtres de la gloire, qui dispensent la renommée, qui portent le nom des Princes aux siècles les plus reculés, & le sont survivre aux ravages des temps, ne dûrent pas à ce Roi la protection intéressée, que leur accorde tout Monarque, jaloux de survivre à son règne; les biens & les honneurs qu'il leur accorda furent le fruit de leur propre mérite, des prix adjugés par un connoisseur éclairé; des hommages rendus par un cœur qui étoit plein de leur seu, par la voix d'un héros dont la gloire étoit indépendante de leur secours, & qui les possédant luimême, n'avoit besoin que de ses actions & de ses écrits, pour s'immortaliser. Il n'appartient qu'aux tyrans de forcer les suffrages des arts, au Prince qui craint l'oubli, de les acheter; leurs chef-d'œuvres sont le patrimoine des grands hommes, ils se plaisent à leur payer ce tribut sans qu'ils demandent. La gloire qui a pour base des monumens que le temps détruit, passe, & tombe avec eux; la vraie gloire qui n'a de sondemens que les vertus, qui sont leur bonheur des hommes & la force

armies. Gustavus rushing from the extremity of the north, was the first who exhibited this terrific spectacle. Turenne and Condé improved upon him, Villars, Eugene, Marlborough, and Maurice triumphed in this new carreer.

Frederic shewed himself on this new theatre of war, in 1740, and with him a new fystem was introduced. His infantry put into a better form, taught to manœuvre with more neatness and regularity, had the advantage of acting with aftonishing rapidity. Hence the superiority of his fire founded on the quickness with which they discharged. These different corps exercised with a profound fagacity and studied exactness, moved in their divisions with so much velocity, and directed their pieces with fuch nice aim at the opposite party, that their resistance was inffectual notwithstanding their numbers. No sooner had they formed their ranks, than they immediately became an unshaken impenetrable body, whose movements notwithstanding, conformed with extreme pliability to the orders of their chief, who was the foul that animated them, and buried the enemy under one dreadful and continued sheet of fire. Such were Philip and Alexander who formed that invincible phalanx, the instrument of their conquests. Thus did Frederic, through his invention of a superior system of tactics, procure that series of success which made him the admiration of all nations. But he did not think it sufficient that he had revealed to his foldiers the fecret of victory, unless he accompanied it with quickness of marching, correctness of plans, and a choice and knowledge of encampments; he banished every fort of oftentation, foftness and luxury, and all useless expences; he recommended, both by his example and his precept, courage, fobriety, fubordination, and gave the impulsive movement.

This movement animated with the laudable fire of honor, attracted all hearts towards him, and made all their affections revolve in one circle, of which he was the centre. It was that attractive fire, the principle of all success, which consumed, in the field of battle, the Generals Shuverin and Kleit, which threw Maupertuis into the hands of the Imperialists, which drew under his standard the soldiers who had defended Schednitz. These warriors shocked at their fetters, broke them at the recital of the victory of their King at Rosbach: and recovered their spirit and their courage in his battalions. That point of excellence

des Empires, plus durables que les statues & les aurels, sleurit même en vicillissant & se renouvelle avec les siècles.

Son amour pour la gloire à la vérité fut excessif; mais ce germe de l'héroïline, ce puissant mobile des cœurs généreux, lui fit mépriser ces éloges éphémères, qu'un même jour voit éclore & finir; il n'ambisionna que les louanges justes & durables de la postérité; au lieu d'une jouissance précoce il s'occupa à semer pour l'avenir. Cette sorte de gloire est aussi supérieure à l'autre, qu'elle est peu dans l'esprit de l'homme toujours ambitieux de jouir, rarement affez grand pour faire le facrifice de son amour propre en faveur du bien, & pour se résoudre à n'en recevoir la récompenté qu'au moment où il ne fera plus. Le Prince qui pense ainsi est fait pour l'immortalité; aussi prend-elle soin de graver fon nom fur le marbre & fur l'airain, tandis que la fausse grandeur écrit fur le fable celui des heros vulgaires, chez qui tout périt en même-temps. Frédéric, au lieu de s'entourer de sa gloire, d'en jouir & de l'épuiser en quelque façon pendant sa vie comme ont fait plusieurs rois, ne jouit que de ses vertus, de ses lumières, & de son courage; il laissa son nom entier, décrivant aujourd'hui une période aussi longue qu'éclatante dans les fiècles futurs.

L'envie, cette rouille qui s'attache à la gloire of a tenter d'obscurcir celle de Frédéric; la jalousie, la haine, crurent pouvoir la ternir de leur soussile impur, & en étousser l'éclat sous l'encre bourbeuse des plumes les plus làches. L'Europe vit avec indignation ces méprisables écrits, où la bassesse la calomnie insultoient au courage & au génie, mais le héros ne daigna pas descendre jusqu'à ces vils auteurs, le coup poetuit de trop bas pour l'atteindre; il se contenta de les faire suir à l'aspect de ses triomphes & de ses vertus. Qu'ils sont heureux & races, les Princes qui peuvent se justisser de la sorte, qui sont taire leurs ennemis à l'aspect imposant de leur vie, par le seul pouvoir de la vénération qu'ils inspirent, & sont disparoître à sorce de gloire les ténèbres que la jalousse s'efficeue de répandre autour d'eux!

Nous avons vu le sentiment de l'estime publique, le vis intérêt des peuples, & la superbe opinion qu'ils avoient de lui, les saire passer, si on peut le dire, de la vénération au culte; nous avons été témoins en quelque saçon de son apothéose. Ce que les Romains n'accordinent aux. Antonins qu'après leur mort, en ordonnant que chaque citoyen auxuit

in tuchics by which the chief communicates his foul to his troops, is, beyond all contradiction, the most happy, because an army inspired with one and the same mind is an invincible body, the vital principle is pre-served to the last remaining individual. But it is not in every chief to breathe his soul into the hearts of his soldiers, it is a miracle reserved for the genius of Alexanders' of Henrys, and of Frederics. These lineaments render it supershous to speak in praise of the sentiment he maintained in friendship. The Prince, whose subjects make such sacrifices to him, is deserving of them, and in order to attach sciends be must

know how to endear himfelf by his affection for them.

What a fund did fuch a field of Laurels to plentiful in every kind produce him; the most precious of all others, meditation and retirement; ideas undiforbed in the calm of folicude, encompafied with the tablets of nature, expanding with extension, and afting with a spring that assembles even the person in whose breast they have taken root. Employment of time, happy gift of wifilem which defroys the unitium of title foliante, dispels the vagrant puffions that molest the man unoccupied, which fills up the cavities of life, and gives it the flump of a noble movement; thou want the enjoyment of this King the must buly and most active that ever lived; when death rapping at the pulsee gate advanced to prefent him with the glass run out, affired that he had left behind no duty unfilcharged, he waited with a ferene countenance for the fatal flooke. As his affiduity in business, his averfun to idleness and indolence, and his diguit for every thing frivalous had formed the glary of his reign, the comfort of his life, and the happinels of his fulljetts, they proved the tranquility of his last moments. Thus expired the most active and the most intrepid of the Roman emperura, enquiring whether he had any more butiness to disparch. The death of a tyrant is like the conclusion of a flormy day, that of Frederic was the conclution of a fine one.

The mast interpid courage shore conspicuous in this Prince throughout the whole course of his long reign. It was not that blind strey which inflames the heart of the wild lion, or of the favage, which in its brutal precipitation destroys indiscriminately either the obstacle that appales it, or itself: but that deliberate courage, tempered by prudence, obedient to the voice of honor, and transformed into a noble and vir-

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(IV., Tring and dreling like his foldiers; in Louis III., administering judice under the out of Vincenne, in Marcus Aurelius and Autominus, limple in their exterior, and rosing the invitations of their friends. (undifficult therefore they desirent) as their of their equals; in Charlemann covered with a course word, calculating his expense, and fabruitting to come iron the mast minuse detail of his rulic reforms.

Frederic leave betime, that this is the true glory, and alone alabilities the largeiness of the people while it announces at the fame time, the good leak of the Prince who is wile enough to delpide that pump whole tills before has never differented any other property than to encount the principles of three. He timed for his part, on those virtues which give ampires double frength; he adopted famplicity and fragility, forced over the provinces the treatures which the descritions of applity collect and accumulate around the Prince. Two effects equally beneficial reliabel from fach a comitale; the property of the flate, and the glory, the true glory of the throne; for while this Prince was living, note in the universe was more glorious; none more brillian than his own.

Note this belief was more glorious; none more brillian than his own.

Note this the Philosopher and the Warrior approach it without joy, his failed is without confidence, the fluoger without admiration, our men, in general, without origins.

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the name of Princes to the numeric ages, and make them favoire themsages of time, were not inkinesian this King for that introduct protection

region of time, were not indicated to the king for that intended protection which every blancach affects them, who is justices left his memory familiar with his region; the absurages and the horsons he bellowed on them, were the fruit of their own merit; rewards adjudged by a fail-ful consider, the horsoge paid by a hear glowing with their for, by the wine of a hear whole glosy was independent of their additione, and who being mafter of them himself had according only for his adjusts and his writing to make himself immortal. It is for synant only to compil the latterns of the arts, for the Primer who is fearful of allianing to prochair them: their dely I conver are the patrimony of great men, they, with pleasure my this tribute to them unfoliated. The glosy, whole hade it on minerals faitight to the deputations of time, decays and falls to min with them; true glosy, whole like foundation is on their

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growing old, and renovates still from age to age.

His love of glory was, in fact, carried to excels; but this feel of herollin, this powerful mover of every generous heart, made him delpite those ordinary encomiums that blow and finite on the time day: he coursel only the just and dumble prairies of politrity; infend of a premature enjoyment he was employed in fewing what he was in futurity to map the firsts of. This fact of glory is as Superior to the other, as it is personne in the mind of more who is always ambitions of enjoying. on great enough to faccifies his diff-hore in fireue of his interest, and to reinbe to continue without his recompense bill the moment when he stail be no more. The Prince who thinks after this mores, is formed for immutality; the is careful therefore to engrave his name on mathic and on beafs, whill falls grameds writes on find that of waiger heres, with whom every thing perilles at once. Frederic, infect of encircling himself with his glove, instead of enjoying and of ablishing it, in a manner during his life, as many kings have time, enjoyed only his virtues, his talents, and his courage; he has left his name entire, deforthing at this day a period as long as it will be brilliant in future generations.

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the gloon which scales is fitting to (pend around them.

We have divisioned the fertiment of public eftern, the lively intenest of the people, and the proud opinion they extensioned of him, niling, If we may be allowed the please, from veneration and affection to warthin and advertism: we have been without in a manner to his aportion. fis. What the Russian did not grant to the Antinoni tall after their desth. death, in ordaining that every citizen might have their flatter in his haufe; all flumps granted with acclamation to the King of Praffia while alive. He was toon breathing in morble or in brais under the roof of the timple citizen, as in the palaces of Princes fixing the eyes of all, renewing their admiration, or exciting their respect. Exalted on earth as on an alter he received the universal homage of mankind. Praffia contains nothing peculiar but his tomb; the whole universe has long fince been

in policition of his name.

Great Prince! Hiew fielingly for ages yet to come, shall asso with it possible to a unimate the after, and to see one particle sends at their throne. With what relimination shall they recognized the newsons of the life, and what shall be their surprise when contemplating there in every point of view, they shall always find there equal to the greatest character in every especies. In singulity, in customer simplicity they shall figure to them-sides Pharian and Agesilaus; in william, Socrates and Marcus Aurelius; in genius, Tasso and Bourn; in justice and beneficence, Henry IV, and Trajan; in politics, Richiten, and Vergennes; in legislature, Montespieus and Solon; in tudics, Kanophon and Follard; in the military art, Epaminonths and Turente; in resources and expedients, Hamistal and Charillan; in invincible counge, Michaidans and Conde.

fail pay the just homage to thy virtues; 'till history breaking from the cleral of antiquity final menace thy plotious seign, and proclaim there existed in the north a Prince whole willion and courage forpalled all panegorie, enjoy ours at this prefent, as thou has enjoyed our admiration during thy life. That at the mention of thy name the war-nor's heart may leap, and be closed with a noble paide, as he was lately at the found of thy willorious woice; that it may excite in that of Kings whole ears it shall strike, a spring of emulation; that it may be printed at the head of the wilest haws; that it may be engaged on the france of the present age as the name of the hero who has filled it with his glass, of the powerful mover who put its wheel in motion; that it may never be pranounced among manifold but with the respect the to the great examples he has left them, to the fielt rank he held, and to the immortality which is alletted him.



